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LINKS' 2007 READ-IN IS SUCCESSFUL EVENT

A broad representation of the community converged on Sheehy Elementary School on Monday morning, February 5th as guests of the Tampa Chapter of Links. Their purpose was to read to youngsters in 30 classrooms at the school as part of the National Read-In, February 4th and 5th. Link Sonja Garcia is Chairman of the Services To Youth Committee and Link Kay Andrews chaired the Read-In. Link Demoris Rhodes is President. Among Read-In participants were, from left, the Honorable Judge Perry A. Little (retired), School Board Member Doretha Edgecomb; Atty. Fred McClure, Chairman, Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce; Sartura Shuman, WEDU Channel 3; Link Hazel Harvey and Robert McCullum, Head Basketball Coach, University of South Florida. Carolyn Hills is principal of the school and Kathryn Dickens is Assistant Principal. (Photograph by Jerry Brunson)
Dealership Giving Away A Free Mercedes Benz

Lokey Motor Company has stepped forward with an opportunity for some lucky person to walk away with a free Mercedes Benz C230.

Victor Young, General Manager and Vice President of Lokey Motors, said they came up with the idea a year ago, and the initiative was kicked off in December.

“We met with a group of people to form a selection committee consisting of people from the community who are leaders and innovators,” Young said.

“This promotion will be based on individuals being nominated for the car to honor their outstanding service to our community. A selection committee consisting of 10 people will review the nominations and one lucky person will get a new Mercedes Benz C230.”

Young said this is the first promotion of this type for Lokey, and he’s tried getting other dealerships involved.

The first vehicle will be given away June 1st with entries due May 11th. A second vehicle will be given away December 15th.

“This will be an annual event for Lokey, and I’m looking at bringing it to my national events,” Young said.

The selection committee consists of: Tampa Bay Business Journal Publisher, John Hamilton, Tampa AE座位; Pastor Paula White, Frank Sanchez, Clearwater; Pastor Frank Hibbard, Dr. Sherwin Smith, Victor Young, Phil Lokey, Marvin Kopman (General Manager for CBS Radio), Aaron Fodiman (CEO of Tampa Bay Magazine), and Sharon Boroski (FBO of Lokey Motor Company).

Lokey Motor Company will be responsible for the sales tax, registration fees, and cover required maintenance during the first year. The award recipient will be responsible for providing insurance and license plate renewals. All vehicle maintenance will be covered by Lokey Motor Company for 12 months or 12,000 miles from the award date.

All nominees must be Tampa Bay residents. Ineligible to be nominated are prior award winners, current serving elected officials, and employees and family members of Lokey Motor Company employees.

The winner will also be presented the Lokey Mercedes Benz Humanitarian Award.

To be reached at (813) 246-0724, or e-mailed at loeyr@flsentinel.com.
City Council, Mayor Approve Sale Of Bar

Mayor Pam Iorio (seated far right), is shown signing the document purchasing Gene’s Bar. C. Blythe Andrews, Jr., Chairman of the Board of the Florida Sentinel Bulletin newspaper, and Sam Kinsey, (seated center), Chairman of the East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership witnessed the signing of the document. Standing from left to right are: County Commissioner Kevin White, Interim City Councilman Frank Reddick, City Councilwoman Mary Alvarez, and City Council Chairperson Gwen Miller. (Photograph by Jerry Brunson).

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel Staff Writer

On Thursday morning during the regular Community Redevelopment Agency meeting, members of Tampa City Council passed without discussion, Item No. 4 on their agenda. Item No. 4 was the property acquisition for the structure at 2932 N. 22nd Street, known as Gene’s Bar.

The establishment was purchased for $200,000. On Thursday afternoon, Mayor Pam Iorio held a press conference in front of the infamous bar and signed the agreement, removing the troublesome spot from the East Tampa community forever.

“This is a great day. By working with the community, we can find a new use for this building. It is across the street from a business that has been in existence since 1946 and it should be part of a thriving community. “This area deserves better. Redevelopment takes place one block at a time to make a better community,” Mayor Iorio said as she prepared to sign the documentation to complete the deal.

C. Blythe Andrews, Jr., Chairman of the Board of the Florida Sentinel Bulletin newspaper, and Sam Kinsey, Chairman of the East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership witnessed the signing of the document.

Prior to the signing, several individuals who had been instrumental in the fight against the bar throughout the years addressed the audience.

Interim City Councilwoman Mary Alvarez said, “It was a public nuisance and thankfully, the opportunity never be a bar on this corner again.”

Frank Reddick said, “This is a happy day for East Tampa. It’s a milestone in making East Tampa a vibrant and thriving community that deserves recognition. It has been an ongoing problem for this community. Now, through a partnership the day has come to fruition for this to happen.”

Carl Warren stated, “Thanks to God, the Mayor, and the East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership for going forward with it. We also thank the community for being tolerant.”

Councillman Reddick said there has been no discussion about the property that houses Caldonia’s Bar-B-Q, the cleaners that sits on the corner of N. 21st Street and E. Mallory, or with the owner of the vacant lot just south of the bar.

A community meeting to discuss future use of the building will take place on Tuesday, March 13th, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at First M. B. Church, 3708 E. Lake Avenue.

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The hiring of a lawyer is an important decision and should not be based solely upon advertisements. Before you decide, ask to be sent additional written information about qualifications and experience.
There are basic rules of courtesy that all children should learn. Adults are saddened to see how these rules are often ignored. We have witnessed some children being attacked by bands of youth in the fair’s parking lots. We also have heard reports of youth and entire families cutting long lines of people, instead of waiting their turns to get on amusement rides. Manners do not end with “please” and “thank you.” There are basic rules of courtesy that all children should be taught, and that adults should practice. A family of four attempting to cut one of the lines at the fair was rebuffed by another family who had been waiting patiently in line. Luckily, no confrontation occurred. But the question was raised, “How can parents teach their children good manners when the parents themselves don’t practice what they preach?”

We have written several editorials about the growing lack of courtesy shown in our society. Basic rules of courtesy, and respect must be a part of every child’s home-training. Furthermore, we as adults must practice courteous and respectful behavior in our interactions with others as role models. We encourage our readers and all parents to place priorities on becoming more patient, courteous and respectful. Aretha Franklin knew what she was talking about! Our children only know what they see!

**Let’s Talk Politics!**

Deadline for registering to vote for the primaries was Monday, February 5th! We should’ve reminded you! But for those of you who still haven’t registered to vote, you may still have time to register your vote for possible run-offs if it matters to you. And we must all decide what matters to us all! So, with the time we have left before the March 6th Primary voting date, there’s something we need to bring to your attention.

Yes, you should vote on issues rather than individuals. However, some individuals take it upon themselves, either publicly or privately, to represent political organizations whose stance on certain issues have been problematic. You’d do very well to look at the total candidate - politically as well as personally - before you cast your Primary vote.

For instance, do you know the political make-up of your current City Council? Even though council seats are politically non-nominal, rumor has it Democrats currently hold the majority on City Council. Rumor also has it that local Republicans have set their sights on Council membership, and have privately agreed to mount an all-out political war against what they perceive to be a Democratic controlled Council.

What does this mean to us and our readers? For you who pay no mind to politics and still believe your lives are unconcerned by political impact, it may mean nothing at all.

But for us who know only too well how devastating a change from one party to another party might make, the non-conscious, minorities and women, a political change in City Council could be a catastrophe!

Therefore, we advise to all our readers and concerned voters, SHARPEN your pencils and sharpen your votes wisely! Don’t let smiling faces bamboozle us out of City Hall!
The Sentinel Editorial Board has conducted candidate interviews over the last several weeks. The candidates were asked prepared questions appropriate for the office they are seeking. Whether you agree with us or not, we encourage our readers to VOTE on March 6th.

Mayor Of Tampa
Pam Iorio

The Sentinel endorses Mayor Pam Iorio. Mayor Iorio has been one of Tampa’s best and brightest leaders for many years. Over the last 4 years, many of our communities have benefited from her commitment to safety and public works issues. Although, the Sentinel Chairman admits there is still a lot that needs to be done, the Board feels that she deserves to finish what she started. Although we stand by our decision to endorse Mayor Iorio, our Board felt that we would do our community a disservice if we did not mention her opponents, Marion Lewis and Aria Green.

Both men impressed the Board with their overall knowledge of the issues. Lewis, a former captain with Tampa Police Department and native Tampan, however, is by far one of the most impressive newcomers to the political scene, and we hope to see him again.

City Council Dist. 1
Gwen Miller

Gwen Miller is a quiet force to be reckoned with. Like David, she knows when and where to strike to get the job done. We feel that she has paid her dues to this community in many ways, and has helped City Council become a better body as their chairman the past three years. Our community made history when we elected 2 African Americans to the City Council. However, we feel that some of Ms. Miller’s opponents are banking on the Black community not voting. We hope you prove them wrong. Ms. Miller deserves to complete her service to this community because she wants to, and most importantly, because she deserves to.

City Council Dist. 2
Mary Mulhern

The Board chose Ms. Mulhern after a long debate. We felt Ms. Mulhern had good ideas about moving the city forward, but did not familiarize herself with specific issues that concerned our community. However, her opponent, seasoned councilman Shawn Harrison was very impressive, too, during his interview. The deciding factor, however, is that Mr. Harrison has been a City Councilman for a while, but has never shown a lot of concern with issues that continue to plague our neighborhoods.

City Council Dist. 4
Julie Brown

Julie Brown was very knowledgeable about the issues and impressive during her interview. Moreover, her opponent, Councilman John Dingfelder was more concerned with how much money he had to raise during his hid for reelection, than the issues we felt affected our community.

City Council Dist. 5
Rev. Thomas ‘Tom’ Scott

Our choice is Rev. Thomas Scott. The Board feels that Rev. Scott’s experience in politics and relationship with the County Commission is his biggest assets in this race. We know that he works hard for his community and gets the job done. His opponents, Frank Reddick and Lynette Judge were both very impressive during their interviews. The Board feels Mr. Reddick, who is serving as the interim councilman, has gotten things done in a very short time, and deserved some positive ink. We feel he was knowledgeable about the issues and has done a good job as interim councilman.

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When He Loves Him And She Don't Know

It's inevitable that when a man goes to prison, sometime during his bid he will be asked a question (either jokingly or with serious concern) about that state of his masculinity. In some form or fashion somebody will try to figure out if he has engaged in the unnatural act of "man on man" fornication. They usually come indirectly.

Women disguise their intent and ask questions like: "What do you do for sex?" or "do you get horny in there?" Because most women feel they know a man's sex drive, they wonder how long he can go without having sex with someone or something.

When a former lady friend asked me one of these questions a couple of years ago, I told her I was living like a 15-year-old again. It's amazing what an active imagination can do. I couldn't imagine going the other route, I can't stand the smell of my own behind, let alone somebody else's.

Unfortunately, I can only speak for myself. I'd be amiss if I said that there weren't a significant amount of men in prison who preferred the companionship of other men. That being said, I also know that what goes on behind those walls is only a reflection of the larger reality on the other side.

The point is, homosexual behavior and homosexuals have been around for centuries and from the sound of their slogan, "We're Queer! We're Here! Get Used To It!" they're not going anywhere any time soon.

While I'll never condone such behavior for myself or my need, I've never felt inclined to infringe on another individual's lifestyle either... until now that is. "Pretenders, switch-hitters, slip-n-sliders, down-low brothers, homo-thugs," or whatever you want to call them, make it impossible to turn a blind eye.

It's one thing when a man wears his gender preference on his sleeve for everyone to see. He goes his way, rocks his "rainbow" and it's no secret where he stands. If a woman chooses to engage in a relationship with him, she knows exactly what she's getting into.

On the other hand, when she runs across a pretender and everything isn't what it seems, the results have proven to be disastrous (HIV, AIDS).

It's not her fault when she's tricked by a fairy tale prince who turns out to be just a fairy. Regardless if you're pitching or catching, if you are a man and you have sex with another man, you are a "homosexual."

It doesn't matter how many tattoos you have, how big your muscles are, or how well you can fight, if you enjoy sodomizing men, consider yourself the sixth member of the Village People.

Do us all a favor. Stop tricking your family. Stop tricking our women and for your own sake, stop tricking yourself.

Just come out of the closet.

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Mayoral Candidate Files Responsive Lawsuit

Earlier this week, Attorney Steven Wenzel filed what he referred to as a “Responsive Lawsuit” in a federal court. Attorney Wenzel is representing Mayoral Candidate Marion Serious Lewis in a lawsuit against the City of Tampa.

A few hours after Lewis qualified with the suit to the City’s laws, it was denied due process under a declaration that Lewis is not forced resignation. He was asked to the court to

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They picked the fight. This man started last fall trying to get clarification from the city. They make all of the rules.

“He worked there for more than 20 years, then all of a sudden, they’ve handed him retirement papers. It’s a lousy way to treat someone who’s worked there for that long,” Attorney Wenzel said.

He further stated that the lawsuit is seeking the court to declare that Lewis is not retired. “This lawsuit needs fine-tuning and I hope that the legislative delegation is reading about this lawsuit. Attorney Wenzel said the lawsuit is seeking re-instatement to his previous position if Lewis loses his bid for mayor.

Lewis said there are two laws that address the issue. One is the state law and the other is a Civil Service law. “Civil Service says that if you are seeking an elected office, you must take a leave of absence without pay, I was denied that right. They (city) went straight to the state law.

“Our interpretation of the law is different from theirs. Our interpretation is that the state law eliminated the provision that forced employees to take a leave of absence to seek office,” Lewis said.

Attorney Wenzel said he doesn’t expect the case to be settled before the election. But he feels that it will move along quickly.

In a recent disparity study revealing minority contractors received far fewer projects than Caucasian contractors. The process needs to be reviewed, and there needs to be a more updated way of doing business in the city, said Evans. “Things have got to change. The truth has been revealed in the study, so now we want to see the results.”

The Town Hall meeting will also cover the redevelopment of Central Park Village.

Central Park, Disparity Study To Be Discussed At Town Hall Meeting

An upcoming Town Hall meeting will raise questions on the redevelopment of Central Park Village, and the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority Disparity Study. The Tampa Bay Human Rights Coalition will conduct the meeting, and the community is invited to attend.

“These are two major issues facing the African-American community in the City of Tampa. Even though these projects are supposed to bring positives for our community, there are still questions that need to be asked and addressed,” said James Evans, president of the Tampa Bay Human Rights Coalition.

The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority joined in on a recent disparity study revealing minority contractors received far fewer projects than Caucasian contractors.

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People from the Tampa Bay Human Rights Coalition will be having a legislative delegation from the Tampa Bay Human Rights Coalition who have been invited to attend.

“This project is going to affect a lot of people in our community, and we would like to see a copy of the agreement between the THA and the Bank of America Redevelopment Corporation,” said Evans. “We also want to ensure that everyone who left or is leaving Central Park will have an equal opportunity to return there if they chose to.”

The meeting will be held on March 3rd from 9 a.m. until noon at True Holiness Church and Deliverance Center located at 1830 N. Nebraska Ave. For more information, please contact James Evans at (813) 348-0464.

Reporters Antione Davis can be reached at (813) 348-1921. He can also be reached at adavis@flsenta

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(This is a list of people because there are Federal Grant monies available that will supplement the budget of local government thereby helping more people in need. But the city must apply for them when they are available.)

You deserve a city government that will work to improve your day to day living not just putting focus on making streets prettier. You must have the courage as a man and women of this city to look beyond the fluff of this present administration and be able to see the need to make bold decision and cast your vote for someone who will look for what is in the best interest of you and your family’s future.

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**Tampa Study Group To Host “Stop The Violence” Rally**

On Saturday, February 17th at 2 p.m., the Tampa Study Group will host a “Stop The Violence” rally for youth at the Cyrus Green Recreational Complex, 2101 1st Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The public is invited to come join the fun that will include free food, giveaways and entertainment by True Life, Tom G. Lord Drak, Black Paradise and an Afro-Caribbean dance featuring Juanita Ballagans.

The Master of Ceremony for the event will be Minister Louis Farrakhan, local minister of Mosque #95 in St. Petersburg and Ali Muhammad, Tampa Study Group Coordinator who will be the keynote speaker.

The Tampa Study Group, impaneled by Mosque #85, is sending out a citywide SOS (Saving Our Selves) to all religious organizations, parents, youth, leaders, teachers, families, and friends to pool our resources together and extinguish the violence that is escalating in our communities.

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, as one of the national convener of the Millions More Movement, set the anti-war tone when he wrote President George W. Bush in 2001 explaining the ill affects the current war would bring to our country.

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Gospel Superstar CeCe Winans Comes To Performing Arts Center

Six-time Grammy winner CeCe Winans will be performing at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center's Carol Morsani Hall on Sunday, February 18th at 7:30 p.m.

Finding beauty in both the sacred and the secular, Winans seamlessly moves from R&B to pop to deeply felt gospel fervor showcasing the crystalline vocals, celestial melodies and top-shelf musical elements that have made her one of the most popular, and influential artists working in contemporary gospel music.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Winans was the 8th of 10 children in The Winans, one of gospel music's most renowned musical families. She worked with her brother, BeBe, in a duo called the PTL Singers until the pair began performing as "BeBe & CeCe Winans" in 1987 - becoming one of the most commercially successful gospel acts ever.

CeCe Winans' performance is part of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida Concerts at TBPA!

Bethune's Concert Chorale In Concert At Palma Ceia Church

The Bethune-Cookman College Concert Chorale will give 2 performances on Sunday, February 18th at Palma Ceia United Methodist Church.

Dr. Kevin James, Sr. is the Senior Pastor. The choir, under the direction of the multi-talented Dr. Rebecca W. Steele, Professor of Music and Director of Cultural Affairs at Bethune, will sing during the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services.

The first chorale was organized by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune in 1904 under her direction. The chorale has traveled more than 2 million miles throughout the United States and 5 foreign countries and has recorded several albums.

A private 4-year Liberal Arts, co-educational, residential college, Bethune-Cookman College is partially funded through the United Methodist Church.

Alumni Chors In Concert Saturday

Tampa's two historic African-American high schools, Don Thompson/Howard W. Blake and Middleton Family and Friends Alumni Chors will be in concert Saturday evening. The concert will be held at Mt. Pleasant M. B. Church, 2002 N. Rome Ave., and begin at 6:30 p.m.

The two choirs will unite in harmony to sing praises unto the Lord. The two choirs were formed several years ago and continue to send out messages in song.

The concert will benefit a student at Blake and at Middleton to further their education.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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On Saturday, February 24, 2007

Friday, February 23, 2007

Morning Worship

Rev. Delores Cain

Raining With The Vision

Rev. Karen Sims

Purpose, Dream Vision

Pastor Ayakao Watkins

Evangelist E. Ayakao Watkins

Pastor Michelle Gray

Ohio

Pastor M. Thompson

Atty Julia Brown

Oakland, CA

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"Lunch Break" 12:00 P.M.

Word Shops 1:00 P.M.

Banquet 7:00 P.M. African Attire

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Sunday, February 25, 2007

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CEO/Founder

Conference Host

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"Catch The Vision And Soar" - Habakkuk 2:2-3

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Council To Tackle Important Issues Facing Florida's Black Males

A new committee has been formed by the Florida Legislature to help improve conditions of Black males throughout the state. The Council on the Status of Black Men and Boys was formed during the 2006 Legislative Session, and will hold its inaugural meeting this month in Tallahassee.

The purpose of the group is to alleviate underlying conditions of Black males in Florida, including homicide rates, arrest and incarceration rates, poverty, violence, drug abuse, school performance, income levels and health issues.

"This council will study any topic suggested by the Legislature, or chair of the council that may directly or indirectly effect African-American males in Florida," said Richard Nuss, Chief of the Bureau of Criminal Justice Programs with the Office of Attorney General. "Input from governmental agencies, public and private organizations and private citizens can and will be heard on pertinent issues."

The council will include: Dr. Thomas Arnold, Deputy Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration, Rep. Jennifer Carroll of Jacksonville, Dr. Billy Close, Amy Cobes, Acting Minority Health Director in the Department of Health, Ken DeCerchio, Asst. Secretary for Substance Abuse and Mental Health with the Dept. of Children and Families, Monica Hayes, Dir. of the Office of Equity and Access with the Dept. of Education, Charles Kimber with the Mental Health Program Office in the Department of Children and Families, Walt McNeil, Secretary with the Dept. of Juvenile Justice, Christopher Norwood of Miami Lakes, Rep. Frank Peterman of St. Petersburg, David Pridgen, Deputy Secretary for Institutions with the Dept. of Corrections, Eddy M. Regnier, Ph.D. of Sarasota, Dr. Albert Simpson, Jr., Linda South, Secretary, with the Dept. of Management Services, Levi Williams of Fort & Gramling, Gladys Wilson, Deputy Director with the Office of Early Learning, Agency for Workforce Innovation, Sen. Frederica Wilson of Tallahassee and Sen. Stephen Wise of Jacksonville.

The Council on the Status of Black Men and Boys will issue its first report in December, showing statistics, conclusions and recommendations by the council. The report will be issued to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the chairpersons of the standing committees of jurisdiction in each chamber.

The meeting will be held on February 27th from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Senate Office Building Room 110.

We are extremely excited that thing of beauty has decided to grace our pages once again. Shauwn is our Spotlight Unlimited Feature this week. This lovely 23-year-old stands 5'8", and recently graduated from Southwest Florida College in the field of massage therapy. She says she loves spending time with her son, and working in herfield. Guys trying to get to know Shauwn need to come correct. She says she wants a man who is not a so-called hustler or player, is intelligent, tall, respectful and ambitious. (Photo by Jerry Brunson)
Shaun King is still making moves, even if for the time being, it's not on an NFL football field.

The former starting quarterback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers has been busy dabbling in real estate, working as an ESPN football analyst, pondering offers to coach at Division I-A colleges and preparing to become the starting quarterback for an Arena Football League (AFL) team.

King is poised to become the starter for the Las Vegas Gladiators when the new season begins in March. The St. Petersburg native says that he initially rejected an offer by Gladiators General Manager Sam Jankovich to play in the AFL, but later reconsidered after seeing the possibilities.

"There was really no negative side to playing in the NFL. I was considering playing in Canada. However, I wouldn't be able to entertain offers from the NFL because the seasons overlap, and playing in the National Football League is still my top priority," said King. "The general manager informed me that I would be the face of the franchise, and I thought it was a great chance to display my talent."

King knows he's still capable of being a starting quarterback in the NFL, but he says he also enjoys giving his opinion on the goings-on in the National Football League as well.

The former Tulane University standout has recently been working as an analyst for ESPN's Cold Pizza, and has been praised for his poise, honesty and unique point of view.

"I enjoy working with ESPN, and hope that things move forward. I've gotten great feedback from them, and I think they are considering expanding the time I have on the network," said King.

Division I-A colleges have also sought King's expertise on the sidelines, but the 29-year-old says his desire to still play football won't allow him enough time to be a coach.

"I'm working in real estate and urban development, acquiring properties throughout Central Florida," King said. "It's a great feeling to put your time into something that looks like nothing, and transform it into something beneficial to local communities."

King said that he's glad to be with the University of South Florida, and is happy to be playing for a school at home.

Former Middleton Standout Transfers To Univ. Of South Florida

A former standout receiver for the Middleton High Tigers has transferred to the University of South Florida.

O. J. Murdock had committed to play for Steve Spurrier at the University of South Carolina.

Murdock finished his senior year in 2005 at Middleton with 87 catches for 927 yards and 11 touchdowns. He has been praised for his speed, and hand-eye-coordination.

The Tampa native says that he's glad to be with the University of South Florida, and is happy to be playing for a school at home.

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WASHINGTON -- The running feud between Etan Thomas and Brendan Haywood escalated with another exchange of blows, leading to a two-game suspension for Thomas and leaving the Washington Wizards thin along the frontcourt.

Thomas was suspended for throwing a punch at Haywood during practice Friday. Thomas was retaliating for what he believed was an unintentional elbow. "This cat decides to hit me with a cheap shot during practice and I reacted," Thomas told The Washington Post. "I could have turned the other cheek, I guess I didn't."

Thomas and Haywood, who have been competing for playing time at center, have clashed several times. They fought in the locker room on Nov. 2 and had another altercation last season. After Saturday's practice, coach Eddie Jordan was asked if the latest scuffle is a distraction to the team.

"For the moment, yes. But after everything is said and done and everything is taken care of, no," Jordan said. "We had a morning meeting, watched film, moved to practice and we had a very good practice today. We addressed various things at the meeting."

**Tiki Says Coughlin's Demanding**

Retired New York Giants star Tiki Barber said head coach Tom Coughlin's demands in practice "took its toll" on him. Although Barber said the hard-nosed coach isn't overly demanding for the Giants, because "I'm not a bad thing. That's a good thing, for me at least."

**Smith Says He Wasn't Robbed**

Philadelphia -- Police are investigating a report that more than $100,000 worth of jewelry is missing from star Joe Smith's hotel room.

Smith discovered he lost four pieces of custom-made jewelry worth $110,000 when he returned to his Philadelphia hotel room following a game against Toronto on Jan. 15. Smith went to practice on Thursday and reported that two necklaces and a custom-made medallion vanished between 11 a.m., when he left the hotel, and 10:30 p.m. that day.

Police said that there had been no forced entry into the room, and that the items had not been secured in a safe. They did not have any reports of thefts from the hotel that day and were continuing their investigation.

**Bikini-Clad Beyonce Is SI's New Dreamgirl**

NEW YORK -- Beyoncé has hit another high note, claiming the coveted cover shot of this year's Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue in a yellow-and-pink bikini.

"The Dreamgirl As You've Never Seen Her," a cover headline teased. "There's also a photo spread inside the magazine.

The 23-year-old singer-actress ("Dreamgirl") posed on a Florida beach in the bikini designed by House of Dereon, the fashion label she started with her mother, Tina Knowles.

The 2007 swimsuit edition continues with a music theme inside, featuring scantily clad models posing with Kanye West, Aerosmith, Kenny Chesney, Gnarls Barkley, and Paulie! At the Disco.

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**Superintendent Says Officer Shouldn't Graduate**

WASHINGTON -- The superintendent of the Naval Academy recommended that a former quarterback be dismissed despite his acquittal on a rape charge, the player's lawyer said Tuesday.

Vice Adm. Rodney Rempt concluded that Lamar Owens Jr. should be punished for "unsatisfactory conduct," according to a statement from lawyer Reid Weingarten. A military jury convicted Owens of lesser charges.

Owens, who had been expected to graduate last spring but remains a midshipman because of the court case, would not graduate or receive an officer commission. However, he would not have to repay roughly $130,000 for the cost of his education at the academy in Annapolis, Md.

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Hardway Says He Hates ‘Gay People’

MIAMI -- Retired Miami Heat guard Tim Hardaway said Wednesday that he hates gay people, but later said he regretted the remarks.

"You know, I hate gay people, so I let it be known. I don't like gay people and I don't like to be around gay people," he said while a guest on Sports Talk 790 The Ticket. "I'm homophobic, I don't like it. It shouldn't be in the world or in the United States."

The discussion was sparked by last week's announcement that retired NBA center John Amaechi is gay. The host asked Hardaway how he would interact with a gay teammate.

"First of all, I wouldn't want him on my team. And second of all, if he was on my team, I would, you know, really distance myself from him because, uh, I don't think that is right. I don't think he should be in the locker room while we are in the locker room."

If he did find out that a teammate was gay, Hardaway said he would ask him to leave.

Johnson Named To All-Star

ATLANTA -- Joe Johnson of the Atlanta Hawks was chosen by commissioner David Stern for the NBA's East All-Star team on Wednesday, replacing injured New Jersey guard Jason Kidd.

Kidd will miss Sunday's game with a back injury. Johnson, who will be the fifth replacement player chosen for the game, is Atlanta's first All-Star since Shareef Abdur-Rahim.

Bonds Finally Signs Contract

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. -- Barry Bonds finally signed his $15.8 million, one-year contract Thursday, and the slugger is scheduled to report to spring training Monday.

That means he will likely participate in the Giants' first full-squad workout Tuesday.

Bonds will fill the final spot on the team's 40-man roster, which had stood at 39 after catcher Mike Matheny went on the voluntary retirement list with a concussion.

Bonds' deal had been unresolved because of contract language. After much back and forth between the sides, the deal got done.

Conviction For Man Who Hit Jackson With Car

INDIANAPOLIS -- A man who hit former Indiana Pacers guard Stephen Jackson with a car last fall was convicted Monday in a ruling by a judge.

Deon Willford waived his right to a jury trial, allowing Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford to render a verdict. She found the 23-year-old man guilty of felony battery and failure to stop at a scene of an accident, a misdemeanor.

He will be sentenced Feb. 28. He faces two to eight years in prison for the felony and up to a year for the misdemeanor.

Jackson, who now plays for Golden State, left the courtroom to catch a flight to Denver. He showed up at halftime of the Warriors-

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**Police Shocked Woman 10 Times**

GREEN COVE SPRINGS, Fla. -- The family of a 56-year-old woman, who died shortly after officers used a Taser gun to subdue her, said it wants answers and plans to file suit, according to WJXT-TV.

Emily Delafield died in April 2006 after a confrontation with police at her home in Green Cove Springs.

The day of the incident, Delafield's family had called 911 and said the woman, who was in a wheelchair, had armed herself with two knives and a hammer and was threatening to kill them.

Investigators said officers tried to take her in to custody peacefully, but were unsuccessful because Delafield would not give up her weapons.

A report states that the officers consulted with the family, asking if it was OK to use their Taser guns and the family gave the officers permission.

However, the woman's nephew, Ryan Delafield, said the officers should have never asked the family because he said they are the experts.

He said his aunt never should have been shocked with the Taser gun, especially not 10 times, WJXT-TV reported.

"When I found out that she'd been Tasered 10 times for two minutes, it's almost like, was she on death row? I don't know if I'd survive that," Delafield said.

According to a police report, one of the officers used her Taser gun nine times for a total of 160 seconds and the other officer discharged his Taser gun once for a total of no more than five seconds.

Family members said the Taser gun use was excessive and they have hired an attorney to help search for answers.

"I want answers," Delafield said.

**6 Gls Killed In Iraq**

The U.S. military is now reporting that last week's deadly helicopter crash was caused by hostile fire. Meanwhile, six more American soldiers were killed in separate incidents, and video of a missing GI has surfaced. Also, at least 135 Iraqis were killed or found dead today and 90 more were wounded.

The U.S. military reported that four GIs were killed during combat operations in Diyala Province. Also, one American soldier was killed by small arms fire.

**Woman Convicted Of Fatally Shooting Ex-Husband**

MIAMI -- A Miami-Dade correctional officer was arrested after an investigation by police determined that he was allegedly taking money to deliver cell phones inside a detention center.

Officer William L. McKnight paid $1,500 and given three cell phones to deliver to an inmate at the Pre-Trial Detention Center during an undercover operation on Nov. 14, 2006, according to police. The phones were delivered into the jail by McKnight but later recovered by investigators, said police.

The Miami-Dade County Corrections and Rehabilitation Department started the investigation in June 2006.

McKnight was charged with one count of unlawful compensation and introduction of contraband into a county correctional facility.

**Toni Braxton Settles Lawsuit**

NEW YORK -- Toni Braxton has settled her multimillion-dollar lawsuit against her former personal manager, representatives of both parties said.

Under the settlement, the 39-year-old R&B singer is free to pursue new projects following her return of a $375,000 advance to manager Barry Hankerson's, Braxton representative Michael Stiritck said Tuesday.

Hankerson's had previously demanded an additional $1 million to provide the singer with only a partial release from her contract, Stiritck said.

A Hankerson's attorney, Samuel Chilakos, disputed that description of the settlement, saying he was unaware of a demand for additional funds and that any agreement limits the companies with which Braxton can work.

Braxton would be responsible for paying royalties from her next album to Hankerson's, both parties said.

Braxton's lawsuit claimed that Hankerson's owed her at least $10 million for dirty dealing that caused her to abandon a long relationship with Arista Records, a Sony BMG Music Entertainment label, for Blackground Records, the manager's record label.

The lawsuit accused the manager of putting his financial interests ahead of Braxton's and inducing the singer to leave a lucrative deal with Arista through fraud, deception and double-dealing.

Hankerson's on Tuesday disputed those allegations.

"She was dropped from Arista because of record sales," he said, adding that Braxton did not want to move to Blackground Records but "there was nowhere else for her to go."

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A celebration of life services for Mrs. Eunice (Madea) Robertson of 1001 E. 26th Ave., who passed away Saturday, February 4, 2006, will be held Saturday, February 11, 2006, at 11 a.m., in the church at New Hope M.B. Church, 3305 E. Ellicott St., Pastor Dr. T.W. Jenkins, officiating. Interment will be held at Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Eunice was preceded in death by her parents, E.B. and Arie Stephens; brothers, Reverend John Stephens and E.B. Stephens, Jr.; sisters, Rose Williams and Lucille Ivy; grandchildren, Reginald Harrell and Edward Robertson, Jr.

Madea leaves loving memories of her with: her very devoted husband and caregiver of 63 years, Wilson Robertson, Jr., and daughter, Madea (Madea) Callicle (Nobie, Sr., deceased) Crawford; sons, Wilson (Ann) Robertson, Jr., John (Nanette) Robertson, Jr., Lanthurth (Betty) Robertson, Sr. and Edward (Mary) Robertson; nieces, Lucille and Vernellie Tillie, Lillie Haye, Rose Robertson, Jr., and Carline Robertson; loving great grands, Jamarcus Robertson, Demarco Stephens, Jayden Morgan; nieces, nephews and other relatives, Tamairha Morgan and Erica Morgan; 2 sisters-in-law, Delores Aikens and Yvonne Aikens; 30 great grands, Glorie Wilson; 60 great, great grands, Demarco Stephens, Jr., Jenny, Langston Gaither, Nicolas Lemon, Aminadad Bichama, Ketson Lasinor, Antenor Antenor, Monique Delicieux; 120 nieces, nephews and other relatives, K Stereo Robertson, Jr., Timoteo Robertson, Jr., Jackie, Eugene Wallace and wife, Jackie; grandchildren, Reginald Robertson, Jr., Calvin Harmon, L.F.D. and wife, Ruby of NY; 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Brenda Hamilton, or Mrs. Brenda Jean Buie—known by family and friends as “Bren” was a native of Jasper, and a resident of Tampa for over 60 years. She was educated by the public schools of Marion County, and was a member of Mount Tabor M.B. Church. She was employed by Arthur Murray Studio for many years and earned her cosmetology certificate in 1947.

She leaves to cherish her memory her brother, Mr. Horace Gross Jr., two sisters, Nettie Matthews and Eliza Franklin, two sons, Mr. Anthony Cruse and Mr. Herbert Cruse, all of Tampa; four grandchildren, Deedra Scott and husband, Teddy of Gibsonton, Morche Cruse of Gaithersburg, MD, Vincent of Riverview, and Tiffany Cruse of Tampa; four great grandchildren (with twins on the way), Brandi Scott, Cameron Cruse and Jordyn Cruse, all of Tampa; and great great granddaughter, Dylan Scott; and a host of other sorrowing relatives and friends. The remains will repose after 5 p.m. today, February 16, 2007, at Ray Williams Funeral Home, 301 N. Howard Avenue.

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MR. JOHN QUINCY BOUYER

Funeral services for Mr. John Quincy Bourier, who passed away February 12, 2007, at a local hospital will be held Saturday, February 17, 2007, at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Monticello with Reverend Abraham Brown, pastor, officiating. Interment will be at Rest Haven Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. John Quincy Bourier was born September 23, 1923, in Birmingham, Alabama, to John Quincy Bourier and Effie Pickett and John Quincy Bourier.

Mr. Bourier was predeceased in departure by his late parents, Effie Pickett and John Quincy Bourier.

He leaves behind to celebrate his life spouse Shirley Eddie; son, Alvin Bouyer and John Bouyer; daughter, Lorraine Bouyer-Tillman and husband, Bernard; late sisters, Eddie Mae Dawson and husband, Bernard; late cousins, other relatives and friends. His memory will be cherished by his family and friends.

Public visitation will be Friday, February 16, 2007, at 3 p.m. at Jackson Funeral Home, 4605 N. 34th Street from 5-8 p.m. Family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. The funeral will be at 8 p.m. at 3415 E. Elliot Street at 12:15 p.m.

Arrangements entrusted to JACKSON FUNERAL HOME.

LITTLE MISS CINCERE SARA HUBBARD

A celebration of life for Little Miss Cincere Sara Hubbard will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2007, at 10 a.m. at Zion Church of Holiness, 1473 Tampa Park Plaza, Tampa, with Pastor Cynthia Ford, officiating. Interment will follow in Orange Hill Cemetery.

On December 29, 2006, in Tampa, God placed an angel in the life of Cherron Hubbard. While here on earth Cincere’s life was cared for by many who will never forget her. On February 8, 2007, God called her angel back into his arms for eternity.

Cincere was preceded in death by her great grandparents, Curtis Hubbard and Mary Hubbard; great great grandparents, Mike and Loraine Ballard; great great aunts, Theressa Hubbard, Maggie Hubbard and Anita Hubbard; and great great uncles, Horace Hubbard and Curtis Hubbard, Jr.

Miss Cincere leaves to cherish her memories forever with her mother, Cherron Hubbard; grandparents, Carl and Katrina Hubbard; great grandmother, Georgia Ballard; uncles, Carl Hubbard, Jr. and Codi Hubbard; great uncles, Jamie Hubbard; great aunts, Debra Hubbard, Donnie Buiut (Minnie); Ronnie Buie (Tasha) and Aisha Buie; cousins, Aisha Buie; nieces, Ladaisha Buie (Wendy); nieces, Joann McCine and Curtis Hubbard, Jr.

The family will hold a celebration of life to honor a life well lived on Saturday, February 17, 2007, at 301 N. Howard Avenue.

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MRS. BERTHA MARIE CRUSE

Mrs. Bertha Mae Cruse of 1735 Walnut Street passed away, February 7, 2007. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 17, 2007, at 2 p.m. at Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church, 2806 W. Grace Street, with Pastor T. D. Leonard, officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Cruse was a native of Jasper, and a resident of Tampa for over 60 years. She was educated by the public schools of Marion County, and was a member of Mount Tabor M.B. Church. She was employed by Arthur Murray Studio for many years and earned her cosmetology certificate in 1947.

She leaves to cherish her memory her brother, Mr. Horace Gross Jr., two sisters, Nettie Matthews and Eliza Franklin, two sons, Mr. Anthony Cruse and Mr. Herbert Cruse, all of Tampa; four grandchildren, Deedra Scott and husband, Teddy of Gibsonton, Morche Cruse of Gaithersburg, MD, Vincent of Riverview, and Tiffany Cruse of Tampa; four great grandchildren (with twins on the way), Brandi Scott, Cameron Cruse and Jordyn Cruse, all of Tampa; and great great granddaughter, Dylan Scott; and a host of other sorrowing relatives and friends. The remains will repose after 5 p.m. today, February 16, 2007, at Ray Williams Funeral Home, 301 N. Howard Avenue.

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BROTHER CAIRL FLOYD

A celebration of life will be held for Brother Cairl Floyd on Saturday, February 17, 2007, at 9 a.m. at Ray Williams Memorial Chapel, 301 N. Howard Avenue, with Pastor T. D. Leonard officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Floyd was born in Eastman, Georgia, to the late parents, Calvin and Mary Floyd. After graduation from Peabody High, Eastman, GA, he relocated to Tampa. He was employed by Schiro Brothers Produce, Stone, Gordon Funeral Home, and Unjak (also known as Unisource). He retired from Unisource after serving 39 years. He is survived by his wife, Deloris C. Floyd; son, Elder-tier of Tampa; sister, July A. Austin (Cleveland) of Eastman, GA; godson, Darrell Jones (Vernon) of Tallahassee; godbrother, Herb Anderson; brothers-in-law, Paul Lyles; brothers-in-law, Roosevelt Calloway; (Christine) of Tallahassee, Frederick McLockton (Agnes) of Houston, TX; also-in-law, Dorothy C. Nelson of Tampa; devoted niece and nephew, Luther and G. L. Yales of Tampa; devoted family members, Evelyn Williams of Macon, GA, Willie Bryant of Panama City, FL, and Odell Williams of Tampa; extended family members, Wilson Carley and family of Jacksonville, B. J. Carley and family of Wichita, KS, Derek Carley and Lydia Carley; special family members, Buford (Barbara) McCarty of Eastman, GA; Eugene (Georgia) Johnson and Ernest (Verdell) Rogers, and with other loving relatives and friends; special mentions to the staff of Gambio Health Care, Temple Terrace, Florida State University Community Health Center, and Fletcher.

The remains will repose after 5 p.m. today, February 16, 2007, at Ray Williams Funeral Home, 301 N. Howard Avenue.

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MRS. ELIZA BARRON LUSANE

Mrs. Eliza Barron Lusane of 715 W. Frances Avenue, passed away Sunday, February 11, 2007. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 17, 2007, at 11 a.m. at Ray Williams Memorial Chapel, 301 N. Howard Avenue. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Lusane was a lifelong resident of Tampa, and was educated by the public schools of Sumter County, GA. She was a member of Eastman AME Church. She leaves to cherish his memory his brother, Jose Sanders; goddaughter, Ethel Neves; godson, Anthony Douglas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The remains will repose from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, February 21, 2007, at Ray Williams Funeral Home, 301 N. Howard Avenue.

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MRS. GLADYS E. MCKAY

Mrs. Gladys E. McKay, 77, of Tampa, passed away Monday, February 5, 2007, at Kindred Hospitals, Tampa. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 10, 2007, at 11 a.m. at Ray Williams Memorial Chapel, 301 N. Howard Avenue. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. McKay was born in South Carolina, to the late Joseph and Ethel Mae Smalls. She moved to Tampa in 1943.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert H. McKay, Sr.; a daughter, Patricia A. Horne.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three daughters, Ola, Gwendolyn and Gladys of Virginia; three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Daisy L. Montgomery and Mrs. Ruby Lusane of Americus, GA; six grandchildren; Ms. Sharon Gordon, Ms. Darryl Gordon and wife, Kerri, Ms. Pamela Lunte, Christopher Cowart, Chondra Cowart (Antuan) and Xavier Jamison, all of Tampa; seven great grandchildren, Darryl Gordon, Il and wife, Val, Keron Gordon, Taron Gordon, Tevin Black, Zaccari Dula, Andreon Davis, and Ms. Shaliqua Davis; great, great grandchildren, Mr. Karrington 'Grace Gordon, of Tampa; four nieces, Mrs. Alberta Dowdell, Charles Adamie, Mr. Mrs. Louis-Maya and Mrs. Caroline Barron of Americus, GA; three great nieces, Mrs. Wanda McAlahey and husband, Mrs. Toweda Thompson and husband, Godfrey of San Diego, CA, and Ms. Diane Vickers; six nephews, Mr. Horsie Durley and wife, Daisy, Willie Joe Barron, Anthony Rudolph and wife, Martha, Anthony James and Larry Barron, all of Americus, GA; two great nieces of the family for many years, Angeline Chisolm of San Diego, CA, and the family of Larry's mother. She was predeceased in death by her parents, Frank and Georgia. She leaves to cherish her memory: her brother, Jasper MaHaffey and husband, Ron, her father, Michael and Maurice; two sons, Anthony Douglas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The remains will repose after 6 p.m. today, February 16, 2007, at Ray Williams Funeral Home, 301 N. Howard Avenue.

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SISTER WINFRED L. MONTGOMERY

Sister Winfred L. Montgomery of 1212 Andrews Place, passed away peacefully Wednesday, February 7, 2007. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 17, 2007, at 11 a.m. at New Life Tabernacle (UPC), 2225 E. 10th Avenue, Pastor Daniel Davy, with Pastor Reginald Clements officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Montgomery was a native of Georgia, and a resident of Tampa for 37 years. She was a graduate of Shivers High School, Aberdeen, MS, Class of 1966 and was a faithful member of New Life Tabernacle. Mrs. Montgomery was employed as a Family Daycare Provider.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Michael Young, Sr.

Sister Montgomery leaves to cherish a lifetime of memories: her husband, Godfrey of San Diego, CA, and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, extended family and friends.

The remains will repose after 5 p.m. Friday, February 16, 2007, at Ray Williams Funeral Home, 301 N. Howard Avenue.

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Ray Williams

Funeral services for Mr. Frank Edward Johnson, Sr., 64, 12120 Livingston Drive, Tampa, who passed away on Monday, February 12, 2007, will be held on Friday, February 16, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. at Stone’s Memorial Funeral Home, 5016 N. 22nd Ave., Tampa. Pastor Samuel Maxwell, officiating. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery, 2225 E. Dr. M.L.K., Jr., Blvd., Tampa.

Mr. Johnstone was born on March 10, 1934, to Frank and Carrie Johnson in Adel, Georgia. Mr. Johnson was a resident of Tampa for a number of years and was a well known member of the Palm River Community for 34 years. He graduated from Cook County Training School, class of 1952. He was a welder for Florida Portland Cement for 20 years. His experience led him to create and operate his own business, Tri-City Steels, Inc. He is survived by his wife, Doris; children, Terrance, Karen; son-in-law, David Johnson; grandchildren, Allen Johnson, Wendalyn Johnson, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Curtis Brown

Homegoing services for Mr. Curtis Brown were held at 2:30 p.m., Friday, February 16, 2007, at 2000 East 1st Avenue, Tampa, who passed away on Monday, February 5, 2007, will be held on Friday, February 16, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Progress Village, 8616 Progress Blvd., Tampa, with Pastor Samuel Maxwell, officiating. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery, 2225 E. Dr. M.L.K., Jr., Blvd., Tampa.

Mr. Johnstone was baptized at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, New Prospect in Adel, GA, and was a Deacon, a member of Choir #2, at Mt. Zion M.B. Church. At the time of his death, Mr. Johnstone was a member of First Baptist Church of Progress Village.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Carrie Johnson; daughter, Verna Johnson; step-daughter, Charlotte Johnson; of Adel, GA; two brothers, of Leesburg; a sister, of Leesburg. Mr. Johnstone leaves to cherish his memory: a first cousin whom he called his mother, Deborah York-Carter; two granddaughters, Danelle Chisolm and husband, Leonel, and Adrienne Thompson; Timothy Ma. Johnson; Grammy Carter; two great-grandchildren, her sons, Luke and Kenny Johnson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Mr. RAHMAN

Funeral services for Mr. Rahim, G. Johnson, 73, of 3030 E. 27th Avenue, who passed away Sunday, February 11, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at The Center For Manifestation, 5102 E. Lake Avenue, with the pastor, Elder Mark Jones, officiating. Interment will follow at Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Clarence Cole.

Mrs. Cole is survived by: her sons, Luke and Kenny and their families of Tampa, and John and his family of Tallahassee; step daughter, Joan Allen and her family of California; step son, Michelle Cole of California; brother, Henry Jones and his family of Tampa; sister, Wanda Jenkins of Tampa; nephews, Anthony Johnson of Ft. Lauderdale; nieces, Lea Flowers and Frank (Felicia) Johnson; Jr.; sharemen with Local 402.

Mrs. Cole was a fan of the Cleveland Browns Football team. She was called to his heavenly home on February 7, 2007.

She is survived by: 2 sons, Athins “Ronnie” King and wife, Sonya, Clearwater, and Cordreese Coke and wife, Auriana; 2 daughters, Peggy Williams of Tampa, and Courtney Coke of Clearwater; 3 sisters and their family, Hattie Olds, Tampa, Willie Mae White, Petersburg, VA, and Mattie Grills, MI; 2 brothers-in-law, Ernest Olds and David Brown; 8 grandchildren, and a host of family and friends including but not limited to the following: the Watts, Dennards, Orlando, Clarks, Henderson, Harris, Dixons, Honeywells, Bryant, Weems, and Colleber families. Joe’s family from Alabama, and the Longhorns, his Indians and all the people down at Ybor Place.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mark’s Baptist Church, Rev. William T. Calhoun, Sr., Pastor, 501, 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19123. Pennsylvania. Ave., Clearwater, (727) 446-6137.

Wilson

Funeral services for Mr. Lloyd Brown, 53, of St. Louis, MO, who passed away on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at The Center For Manifestation, 5102 E. Lake Avenue, with the pastor, Elder Mark Jones, officiating. Interment will follow at Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Brown; parents, Nathan and Edith Ballard and Katherine law Arthur’ (Yolanda) Frank Bryant, Jr., Freddie Bryant, Anthony Jerome Adams and the late Eddie Bryant and 2 sisters-in-law, Dorothy Lyn Johnson-King, Tampa; son; and was employed as a long-shoreman.

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Mrs. Cole is survived by: her sons, Luke and Kenny and their families of Tampa, and John and his family of Tallahassee; step daughter, Joan Allen and her family of California; step son, Michelle Cole of California; brother, Henry Jones and his family of Tampa; sister, Wanda Jenkins of Tampa; nephews, Anthony Johnson of Ft. Lauderdale; nieces, Lea Flowers and Frank (Felicia) Johnson; Jr.; sharemen with Local 402.
**IN MEMORIAM**

**ESSIE MAE GILBERT**
1/1/59 - 1/1/99

We love you and we miss you and we are still thinking about you always.

Love, your family.

(P.S. And Sylvester Gilbert, your sister, misses you!)

**SYLVESTER GILBERT**
2/15/2006

**IN MEMORIAM**

**DARIUS EDWARD TABOR**
2/17/2004

It's so hard to believe that you are really gone. What I miss most about you is your beautiful smile and kind heart.

Even though you were still a baby when you left I never felt such a strong bond with any child the way I felt with you. It was love at first sight when I saw you in the hospital that night. I will never forget how excited I felt at that moment. I don't think anyone stole my heart the way you did. I don't think anyone stole my heart the way you did. I don't think anyone stole my heart the way you did. I don't think anyone stole my heart the way you did. I don't think anyone stole my heart the way you did. I don't think anyone stole my heart the way you did.

The only regret I have in life was not being able to spend more time with you. You are a true angel, and I am so happy God brought you into my life. It's not one day that goes by that I don't think of you. Just write this to let you know I love you, Darius!

Missing you, your cuz! Cindy Camacho.

(P.S. Also, sadly missing you is your father, Edward "Flap" Tabor and the family.)

**CLEMENTINA LEOLABROWN**
BROWN JACKSON ANDREWS
1/19/54 - 2/16/96

Sunrise: 11/14/99
Sunset: 2/8/98

Love and miss you dearly.
The family.

**LEOLA BROWN**
ANDREWS
11/1/49 - 2/8/98

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CHERIE YVETTE REYNOLDS**
1965 - 1984

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Parents, Annie Pearl and Chester Reynolds.

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Oh, we shall remember and never forget your work for the Lord. We shall remember and never forget your accomplishments. To achieve that Heavenly Crown by example you both taught, the Christian life must be lived and not talked nor bought. You two were a dynamic duo who fought the good fight. The race was finished and we believe you heard the Lord say to his two faithful servants, "Well done!"

We are grateful that God placed us in your lives. Each precious memory of you encourages us and strengthens our faith.

Daughter, Ester; and son-in-law, Samuel Ervin, Jr.; granddaughters, Sandra Y. Ervin and Cynthia Y. Ervin.
IN LOVING MEMORY

BILLY J. LETCHER
2/15/44 - 8/19/06
In loving memory of the world's greatest father. You are very much missed, always loved and forever in our hearts. Happy Valentine's Day and happy, happy birthday. R.I.P. Love always. Your baby girl, Shajana Battle (Chris) and your grandchildren.

IN LOVING MEMORY

JIMMY (JITT) GATHERS
July 7, 1976 - February 18, 2001
You are out of sight but not out of mind. We dearly miss you and your presence. Your smile lives on in our hearts forever. With love: mom, Joel, Chris, Gennie and the rest of the family.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAM

OSCAR FLOYD
Remembering you on your birthday, February 18th and your departure May 22, 2006. Lovingly remembered by: your wife and family. You are missed dearly.

CARD OF THANKS

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The family wishes to thank the many friends for kind­

ness shown them during their hour of sorrow. You

will forever be held dear to them.

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IN MEMORIAM

LESLIE DENISE GATLIN
It's been 1 year, still miss you. Rest in peace. Mr. Robert.

IN MEMORIAM

BARBARA WILLIAMS-KEATON
Mr. Robert, Mrs. Nellie and the entire family of the late Barbara Williams-Keaton would like to take this time to say to all of you who thought of us during our grief and took the time to say a prayer, to all of you who dropped by and visited in memory of her we shared. To all of you who come from afar, a childhood friend, her classmate, and those of you who were close to her heart, whomever you were, whatever you did, the entire family would like say thanks to each of you.

THANK YOU

DOROTHY N. PORTER
Sunrise: January 3, 1939
Sunset: February 17, 2006
Well, it has been one year. Sadly missed but God knows best. Through the year tears have fallen each day. But you will never be forgotten. God gave his son and the angels have come by for you. We'll meet you on that glor­

ous day.

Love you always. Your fam­

ily.

THANK YOU

The family of the late Clauzella Crawford thanks you for all of your kind deeds during our loss.

Your phone calls, flowers, food, visits, and your prayers were greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Pastor Greene and First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, Minister and Sister Bryan Gray, Rev. and Sister Fletcher Lawson, all of our many friends and co-workers. God bless you all is our prayer.

The family

Happy birthday Clauzella Crawford, February 1, 1985 - January 7, 2007. We love you and miss you dearly.

The family.

LOCAL

Prominent Businessman Succumbs To Cancer

Frank E. Johnson, Sr., a resident of Palm River, lost his battle with cancer when he passed away Monday morning, February 12th at University Community Hospital. He had been hospi­

talized several months with liver cancer prior to his demise. His wife, Bobbie Johnson, kept a constant vigil at his side. He was 61 years old.

Johnson was born May 6, 1945 in Adel, GA. He gradu­

ated from Cook County Training School with the class of 1962. After gradua­

tion, he moved to Tampa and became a welder with Florida Portland Cement, a job he held for 20 years.

Later, Johnson started his own burger bar business, Frank's Ornamental Iron. This led him to become a sub­

contractor in the steel industry, doing business around the state. He also started Tri­

City Steel Services, Inc. He then became a consultant for Tri­

City Steel Services of Florida, Inc., owned by Frank Johnson, Jr.

Johnson lived in Tampa for 41 years. He was enthused with the construc­

tion industry. His vision was to see Blacks, Hispanics and women expand into bigger and better things. It was his hope that government - city, county and state - and other agencies would assist minori­

ties in securing opportunities in construction.

Agencies that used his ser­

vices included: State of Florida, Hillsborough County, Aviation Authority, City of Tampa, FDOT, HART, and the federal government.

Meeting To Discuss Disparity Study Planned

The City of Tampa has established a Disparity Study External Task Force to review the recommendations from the consultant study. The task force meetings have been scheduled for February 21, 28, and March 7, 2007, at the Ragan Park Community Center, located at 1200 East Lake Avenue, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For additional information contact the Minority Business Development Office at (813) 274-0025 for additional information.

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**Hit-And-Run Suspect Arrested**

On Christmas Eve 2006, Tampa Police responded to a fatal vehicle accident at North Florida Avenue and East Flamingo Avenue. Police said a vehicle was making a right turn onto Flamingo Avenue from North Florida Avenue when it struck another vehicle causing it to spin and hit a utility pole.

A passenger in that vehicle, Roman Ricardo, 16, was pronounced dead at the scene, and two other victims were injured. The suspect fled the scene, but was later identified as Cornie Johnson, 22.

Johnson was arrested Thursday and charged with leaving the scene of a fatal crash and driving with a suspended license with knowledge.

**Reward Offered For Arrest Of Fugitive**

Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay is offering a reward of up to $1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of 22-year-old Jermaine Maurice Mobley. Mobley is wanted by the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force and the Tampa Police Department for trafficking in cocaine, carrying a concealed firearm, possession of drug paraphernalia, and resisting arrest.

Arrest records indicate Mobley has been arrested 30 times since 1996, and is currently on probation until 2008 for prior drug sales, felon in possession of a firearm, and resisting arrest. Individuals wishing to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward are asked to call Crime Stoppers.

**Shooting Victim Identified**

Julian Kaigler was shot to death during a altercation.

**Valentine's Day Fire Leads To Man's Arrest**

At 6:15 Wednesday morning, Hillsborough County Sheriff's deputies report Walter Hardy, 47, went to his girlfriend's residence and started banging on the door and windows with a Teddy Bear and box of candy for Valentine's Day. The victim refused to open the door and Hardy then allegedly turned off the power to the residence. When the victim still refused to answer the door, deputies said Hardy pried up trash in front of the door and used a cigarette to light the trash. The trash pile became engulfed in flames, causing the responding deputy to take emergency action to put out the fire.

Hardy was charged with first-degree arson and is being held without bond.

**Man Held On Kidnapping Charges**

On February 12th at 7 p.m., the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office reported a man forced his way into the apartment of a 25-year-old woman using a sawed-off shotgun. Once inside, the man armed himself with a knife and held the victim and her 3-year-old daughter against their will. The victim's 22-year-old sister arrived and was also held against her will, deputies said.

The man allegedly put a knife against the 26-year-old victim's neck and threatened her. He then put the 3-year-old in a bathroom while he allegedly sexually battered the 25-year-old in another room with the 22-year-old present.

The man then forced the victim out of the residence into their vehicle where he drove around. At 9 p.m. a family member of the victim called the Sheriff's Office stating the man had kidnapped them at gunpoint.

At 10 p.m., the man dropped off the 3-year-old and 22-year-old at a gas station on Bearss Avenue near Florida Avenue. He then continued to drive around the county with the victim.

Negotiators with the Sheriff's Office were able to make contact with the man on his cell phone. They talked to him for several hours while he drove around with the victim.

At 2 a.m., Tampa Police observed the vehicle parked at a Circle K Store on Westshore and Gandy Boulevard. The man fled with Tampa Police in pursuit.

At 56th Street and Hillsborough Avenue, the man stopped and released the victim and he was taken into custody.

Authorities have charged William Kenneth Hill, 21, with armed sexual battery, armed burglary, 3 counts of armed kidnapping, aggravated battery, and possession of a short barrel shotgun.

**Arrest Made In Murder Of Bradenton Man**

Manatee County - On Wednesday afternoon, a Manatee County man was shot and killed after he returned home from a Valentine's Day lunch with his wife.

The Manatee County Sheriff's Office report the couple returned to their home shortly after noon and saw two men burglarizing their home.

According to the report, Daniel Ramsey, 67, confronted one of the men with a knife. The suspect pulled out a gun and shot him. Ramsey was taken to a local hospital and later pronounced dead.

The sheriff's office arrested Michael Leon Walker, 18.

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GAIL STADOM
...Delivering The Occasion

LYDIA RODRIGUEZ
...co-chair

Elder Michelle Patty and Assistant Pastor, Rev. Sims

DELORES JOHNSON
...receiving plaque as Dobyville-Hyde Park historian. The plaque is being presented by Mary Clark, church secretary.

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ALEASE LINDSAY

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Gwen Burgess
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Memories of Old Hyde Park - many posters filled the reception hall.

Choir, in the background; Seated: Rev. Karen Sims and Elder Michelle B. Patty.
Ms. Neal, Happy Birthday

THE REAL CIPHERETTES
Yes, y'all though it was over but I'm back, Ms. Lee Lee. Wishing me, the finest thing ever in Tampa, a happy birthday and I would like to wish my brother, Adarryl, my little sister, Ms. Diamond and Lil Aaron, a happy birthday.

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Love, mommy and daddy.

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To all those who thought Rickey Byrd was gone, he's still here. Happy birthday Bae, February 19th. From your #1 lady's Big T and family.

HALEY, ALEXIS And AUTUM

How to be Happy Celebration

We want to wish Miss Banks a very happy birthday. She will be celebrating with family and friends this weekend.

Love, mom, dad, Jaeden and Amarri.
JORDAN, MISS LISA And CHRISTOPHER

Happy birthday to our beautiful and “Jazzzy” mom, Lisa. We are very proud of you mom and we love you!
Your sons, Christopher and Jordan.

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Very special birthday wishes go out to my best friend, Lisa, who is an eye-catching “40” today, February 16th. May God bless you to see many more! I love you.
Tasha.

NA-NA, LIL B. J., CHOPPA And LIL MARLO

Happy birthday mommy,
From the ones who love you most! Your kids.

NA-NA And DEMETRIUS

Yes, you see Mr. and Mrs. Eddie for the ’07. We’re never going to break up, we always make-up as long as we stick together. We’ll climb higher, I’m going to ride with him to the wire, our love is never going to end, we’re on fire.
And to our biggest and #1 fan, he’s smiling which means he’s happy... boo boo!

BONNIE And CLYDE 2007

ROSE WILLIAMS

Wishing this extraordinary lady a special and happy 55th birthday on February 18, 2007. From your children, family and special friends. Ms. Rose Davis Williams will celebrate her birthday with family and special friends on February 18, 2007, at 2001 N. Armenia Ave. (Velia’s Kitchen). The ongoing celebration begins at 3 p.m. - until.

CHRIS, JORDAN, ZANIA (CRAB) And LISA

Happy 40th birthday to the love of my life, “Miss Lisa.” I see you doing it Ma! I love you.
Zania (Crab).

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It's been a year since God has graced us with your presence. You have filled a void in our lives, that we thought could never be filled, and for that we give God all the glory. Happy birthday, Grandma's Princess. We love you.

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Daughters, Joyce Judge and Betty Johnson.
Hello mother - happy belated birthday!

MS. SHAY

You don't have to love me, you don't even have to like me, but you will respect me. Want to know why because I'm a boss. Happy birthday, Ms. Bossy, a.k.a., Ms. Shay.

Patricia Bowick
February 15, 2007

Happy birthday and happy Valentine’s Day to Patricia Bowick.

KANICHE And MOM

Happy birthday, “Niche.” Wishing you a very special 14th birthday!
Love, mommy, daddy and your family.

KATRINE, RENEE’ And LINDA

Happy birthday to my daughter, Renee’s Council, and happy birthday to my sister, Renee.

JALEN ‘J’ WARREN

Happy 4th birthday.
Love, mom, dad and family.

“MS. C”

A picture speaks a thousand words. Birthday wishes go out to Ms. C and Ms. Angela. They will be celebrating their birthday at Club 112 this Friday.

Happy you and remember what doesn’t kill you makes you stronger.

RITA

Happy 18th birthday, Princess "Rita."
Love mom, big bro and granny.

ELIG

Happy birthday, grandson, Elig.
On February 14, 2007

Happy birthday to Ronald Boyd on his big day. Go on “Big Baller.”

We love you. Great grandmother, Ms. Big, and great auntie, Big Di.

ANTONIO HUGEE, JR.

Special shout out to Lil Tony, who will be turning the big 1 on 2/18/07 and he will be stunting like his momma, Angie, not only like his daddy, Tony, Sr.

Happy birthday, momma’s stunner!

DOMINIQUE

Special birthday shout out to me, thanking God for another year.

DOMINIQUE

With love.

From Sweet Lady “J,” a.k.a., Mama and congrats on making the Dean’s List your first semester.

BRIDGET And RENA

Happy Valentine’s Day, Rena. I love you. You have given me true love. You came into my life when I really needed someone special and it’s been real love.

Love you baby. Always and forever, Bridget.

LARRY And PUNKIN

Happy Valentine’s Day

Larry. I love you!

Ms. Punkin.

CHERYL and ROMEL, A.k.a., SQUEAK

“Look once, look twice, like Lyfe says, must be nice. Baby, words can’t explain how and what I feel for you. All I know is that meeting you was the best part of my life and I’m so glad you asked me to be your wife.

So on this very special day I want to wish you a happy Valentine’s Day.

Love, your wife for life.

MANNY ARTHUR And MARY TAYLOR SOTELO

Happy Valentine’s Day to my wonderful wife, Mary Sotelo, whose love and life have been a blessing to me. Thanks for sharing and caring.

Love always, “Poppi.”

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Teddy

I want you to know, life for me changed forever the day we met. You have changed the way I feel about my hopes, my dreams, my fears, myself and for that I will always love you.

Happy Valentine’s Day.

Bridget

Happy Valentine’s Day

JUN And KIM

“From me to you truth is, no woman can compare to what we share and behind every good king stands a strong queen. And in my heart I have the best thing.”

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LANAe

LaNae, you are doing a great job. Keep up the good work. Love, mom.

Congratulations

KEDIJJAH SULLIVAN

Lincoln Elementary School, Plant City. We are very proud of you for making the Principal's Honor Roll. Keep up the good work. We love you.

Nana, Sylvia, dad, Kevin, and aunt, Shanika and the rest of the family. God bless.

Outstanding!

DERRICK J. WILSON, JR., a.k.a., D. J.

D. J. continues to excel in academics and athletics. He has maintained a 3.8 G.P.A. in all honors classes. He was one of two freshmen to make Plant's varsity football team, before they were moved down to receive more playing time when the j.v. season started and moved back up afterwards.

D. J.'s first high school carry resulted in a 38 yard touchdown and he matched that with a 30 second pin in his first wrestling match.

D. J. weighs 165 pounds, but had the heart to make the varsity team and wrestle at the 180 pound slot. Wow! What a freshman year, making it to the regional in wrestling and receiving a state championship ring for football.

Son, what an inspiration you are to me! And how very proud I am of you and your wonderful achievements.

Love, dad, Derrick, Sr.

Anniversary Wish

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES (JANIE) SHERRY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Janie) Sherry celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary February 16th with family members aboard the Starship Dining Yacht. They are members of St. John Progressive M. B. Church, Dr. Bart Banks, Pastor.

Engagement Announcement

REGINA AND ALVIN

The parents of Regina Nelson are proud to announce her engagement to Alvin Bronson. May you both continue to be led by God and not by man. Congratulations.

Happy Anniversary

BARBARA AND ERIC WORDLAW

For so many years people have tried to destroy this union that God has anointed. We both have played a part in allowing them to believe that God's anointed hands weren't there, but how could it not have been God that allows us to be here after 9 blessed years.

You have been my lover, my friend and now as of 2-14-07, my husband. I thank those people God used to test our love but yet no matter what they did we stood strong. And now we are here at this point. I love you for the person that I always knew you were, (Eric).

Eighteen Years and Counting

JAMES AND TWANDA SCOTT

What God put together, let no man put asunder. It has been 22 years of dating and 18 years of marriage. Our love seems to grow stronger and stronger every day. I love you. Happy anniversary, 2/18/07.
Where Are You Going? How Are You Going To Get There?

Today's lesson speaks to the heart of what many churchgoers are going through. John records the interactions and conversations that the Lord had with His disciples in chapter 14 verses 1 through 14. These verses demonstrate how the disciples and many people today miss the message and meaning of Christ.

Jesus knew and understood His mission and purpose for coming into the world. He knew that the world was not His destination and His stay was only temporary. He spoke to His disciples in chapter 13 and told them that He was going away and He would be with them a little while longer (13:33). In chapter 14 He brings a level of comfort to them. He encourages them not to let what He says and what is happening to Him trouble them. They must try not to let the actions that will occur trouble them. Too often people allow themselves to be troubled by the actions and activities of life.

He immediately moves to what He considers to be the solution for not being troubled. He did not just tell them what not to do without giving them some solution. The solution to not being troubled is to believe (vs. 1). He says to them, you believe in God. They had a solid belief in the presence and existence of God. He encouraged them to take it to another level, believe also in me. Believing in the word and power of God will alleviate a troubled heart. When you consider the things that trouble you, the trouble is unnecessary when there is solid faith and belief in the power of God and Redeeming power of Jesus.

Jesus speaks further to them to let them know where He was going and why He was leaving. He informed them that He was going to prepare a place for them in His Father's house (vs. 3). Yet they still did not understand. They in turn say to Jesus, "we don't know where you are going or how to get there" (vs. 5). Throughout their time together Jesus tried to get them to see beyond this world. Jesus was not interested in setting up a kingdom on earth. It is believed that the disciples thought He was going to set reestablish control or go into hiding. Jesus was not interested in neither.

When we hear of the things of Christ, we must not limit them to the earthly world in which we live. The disciples were so limited to the things of the world that they missed the heavenly message and invitation.

When Jesus invites you to a heavenly destination, He will also provide the directions on how to get there. Many people hear of spiritual blessings, but they do not know how to get them. God will not give a vision and not make the provision. If God tells you to go somewhere, He will also tell you how to do so.

In this instance, Jesus brings more comfort and gives answers. He informs them that He is the way. Not only is He the way, He is the truth and the life (vs. 6). In Christ is everything we need to get to the heavenly place to live with God. He is the way!

In chapter 13, verse 36, He told them that they could not follow Him now, but later they would. In order to get to the place of the Father, death must take place. In order for Jesus to get back to the Father, He had to die. The way for us to get back to the Father is to die.

Even in considering the thought of death there is comfort. The comfort is, knowing that Jesus is life. If you lose your life for Jesus, you will gain it. As He previously said, "He is the resurrection" (John 11:25). Life for us can be even greater if we believed in Jesus. When we accept that He is the way, the truth, and the life we will begin to see life and our existence in this world in a new way. Believing that He has gone to prepare a place will help us as we make this journey through life.

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News From Progress Village
BY IRADEAN LONDON BIGGS

February Celebrants

Happy birthday to Julie Amanda Flores. A belated birthday wish is sent to
Kenneth Mills, who turned 24 on February 7th.
Mary Lee Jolly, Sarasota, FL, Louise Bass and Terry Parker Roe also celebrated
birthdays.
St. Joseph's Church and members send birthday wishes to: Anthony Mingo (2/16)
Also celebrating their natal day this month are: Christy Thompsons, Tamela Pierson, Marthelena Armstrong and Armidie McDuffie.

Daily Prayers

You are in our daily prayers. Lelia Fleder-Mos, Afrozo Williams, Walter Harrell Thomas, Curtis Brown, Lillie Mae Harris, Alfonso Johnson, Sr., Deacon James Murphy, Linda Parker-Lee, Chester and Selena Miles, Rose Anderson, Benjamin McDuffie, Timothy Jackson, Clara Sheffield, Mary Dorsey Williams, Nathaniel Dorsey, Jackie Brown, Betty Davis, James Miller, Sister Elaine Johnson, Sister Carol Greene, Sister Emily Sampson, Sister Mabel Perry, Wendell Pope, Jr. and family, and Sister Ruff and mother; Wayne Sheets, Rose Jackson, Vanessa Armstrong and Anniecee Grace.

Congratulations

Congratulations to James and Rilla Delain who will celebrate 5 years of wedded bliss on 2-24-07. Best wishes to you and hope you have many, many more.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is sent to Mayor Pam Iorio due to the recent loss of her father.
Our sincere condolences are sent to the Gardner, Monroe and Bowenell families in the loss of their loved one, Mrs. Gloria Monroe-Gardner.

Thought For Today

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Mr. Louis Sastre is at home recuperating after his hospital stay for foot surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Ask Deanna

Real People, Real Advice

Dear Deanna,

My sister turned 18 years old and wants to stay at home and do nothing with her life. I’ve tried to talk to her about going to college, getting some training and getting into the workforce. All she wants to do is run after her boyfriend and hang out with her friends. She’ll see this is going to get old after a while and I don’t want her to crash and burn because of her poor life choices. Is there anything I can do to get her motivated?

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Your concerns about the future of your sister are valid but you can’t help her if she isn’t interested in helping herself. The best thing you can do is lead by example and continue to encourage her and show her a different way of life. As she matures and becomes an adult she will realize the need to work, survive and carve out her own life instead of partying. You can relax because she’ll come around and make better decisions as she grows up.

Ask Deanna is written by Deanna M. Write Ask Deanna! Email: askdeanna
na1@yahoo.com or write: Deanna M, 264 S. La Cienega, Suite 1283, Beverly Hills, CA 90211 Website: www.askdeanna.com

Good news!! Herman Butler passed his G.E.D. test and Kenneth Mills sent me his certificate of achievement. He successfully completed the 10-lesson series "Understanding The Bible" correspondence course. He is now working on the next course of 15-20 lessons. Great job Herman and Kenny. Keep up the good work!!

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By Gwendolyn Hayes

The little-known Suncoast African American Chamber of Commerce, Inc. is preparing for its first official event since its inception two years ago. The organization will be having a membership drive on Saturday, February 24th, followed by a banquet at Ragan Park auditorium. Activities begin at 11 a.m. and will continue until 3 p.m.

Individuals and businesses are invited to attend and become members.

Willis K. C. Bowick, President/CEO of Suncoast African American Chamber of Commerce, invites community-minded persons who'd like to set up tables and share information, to please do so. “This is not for vendors to sell their goods, but for organizations that have information to share with others,” he said.

The chamber was begun in 2003 after several previous attempts to create the same organization had failed. "There is a need to empower the economic base of African Americans and minority businesses in Tampa and Hillsborough County," Bowick stated. More than 30 members of the community volunteered their time and fiscal resources to set the business plan in motion. However, the efforts of the Suncoast African American Chamber would not beallite what other organizations would be doing.

The group set their goals as: 1) to economically empower and sustain African-American communities through entrepreneurship and capitalistic activity; 2) to increase business development and growth via procurement, capital access and international trade; 3) to strengthen and build on existing African-American and other minority businesses to serve the African American community; 4) to teach capitalism and expand access to capitalization, technical support, procurement opportunities; effective networking and sharing of information for Black-owned businesses; and 5) to maintain a vehicle for disseminating information through the chamber. “We want to make sure bids are on the desks where they should be in time to be distributed among contractors as they should be,” Bowick stated.

Other than Bowick, the Board of Directors includes: Carlton Lewis, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer; Taiwo Ighinosun, Ida Finley, Remigia Davis, Emmanuel Jean Francois and Rene Jacques.

For additional information on the membership drive and the banquet, please call (813) 270-2904 or (813) 881-0477, or email kcbowick@hotmail.com.
Phi Delta Kappa Holds Christmas Brunch

On Saturday, December 16, 2006, the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. (Alpha Omicron Chapter) held their 11th annual Christmas Brunch. The special event was held at the Tampa Marriott Westshore.

Mrs. Ozie Brown, Mrs. Velvet Caldwell, Mrs. Pat Benjamin, and Mrs. Carolyn Curtis were at the brunch.

Also in attendance were: (Front Row, seated) Martha Kinsey. Back Row: Jacqueline Mitchell, Essie R. Toni Gibson, Mae Smith, George Smith, and Ronah Gray.

In this photo are Ruthie Neal, Pearl C. Coffee, Margaret Moore, and Rena D. Moore. Standing are Varneese Tramel and Silyl Mills.

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Kids attending the brunch were Alexy Cardenas, Ethel Bryant and Kierra Bryant.

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**Jerk Marinade:**
- 1 tablespoon mixed garlic
- 2 cups no-sodium chicken broth
- Juice of 2 Florida grapefruits
- 1 tablespoon cilantro (chop)

**Directions:** Place chicken and jerk marinade in large, zippered-top bag; seal and refrigerate one hour. Remove chicken from bag and place on hot grill. Grill chicken until thoroughly cooked, about 15-20 min., or until internal temperature reaches 165°F. In skillet over medium-high heat, sauté garlic with non-stick cooking spray, then add chicken stock and grapefruit juice. Bring to a boil, lower temperature to medium-low and reduce to syrup. Add cilantro. Stir well and set aside.

**Salad:**
- 8 baby tomatoes
- 8 baby potatoes
- 3 Florida grapefruits
- 1 small fennel bulb, sliced
- 1/2 cucumber, thinly sliced
- 1 avocado, peeled and cubed
- 1 persimmon, peeled and cubed
- 4 tablespoons fresh pomegranate seeds
- 2 sprigs tarragon with leaves separated from stem

**Vinaigrette:**
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon olive oil

**Directions:** Cook potatoes in boiling salted water until tender. While potatoes cook, whisk together vinaigrette ingredients in bowl. Quarter cooked potatoes and place them into vinaigrette while hot to infuse flavor. Zest grapefruit to get 2-3 tablespoons of peel. Peel and segment grapefruits; place in strainer over bowl to save juice for searing shrimp. In hot sauté pan, sear shrimp in 1 tablespoon olive oil. Cook shrimp 1-2 min. both side. Add grapefruit zest and reserved juice to pan. Mix shrimp and remaining ingredients, toss and serve.

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What's for dinner? 

at my house: honoring the past.

Guess what? My Grandpa told me some of the dishes we enjoy are also a way to honor the part of our heritage found in recipe books, not school books. Like the tasty spices used in Mom's specialty, Curry Chicken. Grandpa says curry powder has been adding the right flavor to African and Caribbean meat, fish and vegetable dishes longer than he can remember. That's something I'll never forget.
**HEALTH**

**Organizations Partner To Educate Black Men On Cancer Disparities**

**BY ANTOINE DAVIS**  
Sentinel Staff Writer

In an effort to educate more Black men about various cancer disparities, the 100 Black Men of Tampa Bay have begun a partnership with the American Cancer Society’s (ACS) Florida Division. The two organizations have joined forces together throughout the year to educate African-American men on cancer issues that specifically affect them.

The most commonly diagnosed cancers in Black men are prostate, lung and colon cancer according to the National Cancer Institute. Also, compared to white men, Black men have a percent higher incidence rate and a 40 percent death rate from all cancers combined.

**On Your Feet**

**By DR. PAUL L. SHERRY, JR., D.I.M.**

**Question:** What can I do for heel pain without surgery?

**Answer:** The most common cause of heel pain is Plantar fasciitis, a rupture of the long ligament in the bottom of the foot. Three nonsurgical treatment options are available.

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**Race, Income Barriers To Colon Cancer Screening**

Even though U.S. Medicare has expanded coverage for colon cancer screening, Blacks and Hispanics are not benefiting as much as whites, a new study shows.

The poor were also less likely to get screened, rates varied by state, as well. Of the study found that 21.5 percent of the study participants in Florida had been screened, compared with 16.8 percent in Illinois and 16.2 percent in New York.

The researchers also found that people who lived in a ZIp code with a greater amount of high school graduates were more likely to have colon cancer screening and that women were less likely than men to undergo an invasive screening test or colonoscopy.

In the United States, colorectal cancer is the third most common kind of cancer. About 145,000 cases of colorectal cancer were diagnosed in the country in 2005, according to background information in the study.
British researchers have found the genes most closely associated with a higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes, which is often associated with being overweight or obese.

The findings, which are the most detailed genetic mapping of any disease, have been published in the online version of "Nature" magazine. Ag rates of obesity rise worldwide, type 2 diabetes is being identified in younger populations.

African Americans are disproportionately affected by both obesity and type 2 diabetes - and the complications that accompany it, such as hypertension and heart disease.

A full quarter-century after the beginning of the AIDS epidemic, Blacks account for more than half of the new cases of HIV infection in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Approximately 1 million Americans have HIV infection, and 47 percent of them are Black. Black women and Black men who have sex with men are disproportionately affected by the disease. Many feel that the only solution is to face the problem head on. Debra Fraser-Howze, president of the National Black Leadership Coalition on AIDS, concludes that, "Black people are going to have to take responsibility for themselves in this epidemic. We have to make some serious decisions, a decision to first talk about the epidemic and a decision to own it. It is ours."

African-American women are three times as likely as White women to deliver babies that are three to 17 weeks premature, according to a new Missouri study.

Researchers at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis looked at births between 1989 and 1997 and found African-American women who delivered premature babies were also likely to deliver their second child prematurely. The researchers are exploring links previously found between the gene that determines pregnancy and birth, and other facets of health.

Results of the analysis appear in the February issue of the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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Dot brown eyeliner pencil in the crease between eyelashes. It's more natural-looking than a thick stripe of black eyeliner, and it makes the lashes look longer.

When selecting a headband, go to the side of the top with the white, it buffs in clear and way. Make sure not to overdo this step!

Applying Foundation

Tap a small amount of powder (a nickel size) into the top of the powder container or similar small dish. SWIRL your quality kabuki or powder brush into the powder until you have swept up all the powder from the top. TAP your brush lightly on the side of the top with the goal of the brush facing upwards. This will allow the powder to sink into the brush bristles.

SWEEP the powder filled brush firmly across your clean dry skin starting with your forehead, nose, chin (T-zone) and the outside edge of the lid. This will allow the powder to sink into the brush bristles.

Healthy Glowing Cheeks

GLOW Bronzer - Tap out a small amount of GLOW Bronzer into the container lid. Sweep up with your perfectly round blush brush and apply to the cheekbones and sweep over the upper cheekbones. Perfectly Round Blush Brush; Perfectly Round Foundation Brush.

SWIRL your quality kabuki setting Powder to give a soft finish. We apply it over entire lid. Apply medium shadow over entire lid. Apply dark shade in the eyelid crease from middle moving inward. Add highlight directly under brow bone at brow arch. Curl your lashes and add mascara to open up your eyes.

Applying Lipstick

For long lasting lip color, add lip gloss with a lip brush that closely matches your lipstick or gloss! For more staying power, fill in entire lip with liner. Once lips are lined, apply lipstick using a lip brush or a very steady hand, apply lip gloss and blot with a tissue. Add gloss for a beautiful smile.
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Tavis Smiley To Host Presidential Forums

LOS ANGELES — Tavis Smiley will moderate two live presidential forums later this year, the Public Broadcasting Service announced.

PBS said Thursday the TV and radio host will moderate a Democratic forum on June 28 at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and a Republican forum on Sept. 27 at Morgan State University in Baltimore.

Also Thursday, Smiley announced a partnership with ABO, the sports and entertainment conglomerate, to produce a museum exhibit, a day of national discussions and an award ceremony honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The exhibit will feature art, music, books and memorabilia reflecting blacks' contributions to the nation. It will start in 2008 and tour for five years throughout museums in the United States.

Hudson Joins Elite Company With Vogue Cover

When the new March issue of Vogue magazine hits newsstands later this month, Jennifer Hudson will become one of only three African-American actresses to have graced the cover since its launch in 1892. The other two: Oprah Winfrey and Halle Berry.

Noted celebrity photographer Annie Leibovitz shot the Chicago native at the World Famous Apollo Theater in Harlem last month.

Hudson's cover photo for the magazine's annual Power Issue will be accompanied by a seven-page spread that reportedly includes three more portrait pictures of the "Dreamgirls" powerhouse.

'I Idol' Reject Leroy Wells Arrested Again

Leroy Wells, the colorful Alabama native who had to watch his 2005 "American Idol" audition from a jail cell, has run afoul of the law once again.

Wells was arrested Monday after allegedly charging at deputies who had pursued his vehicle for reckless driving in Alabama, reports TMZ.com. Mobile County cops say they had to subdue him with a taser after he failed to comply with the deputy's instructions.

Officials also found a .38 caliber gun in Wells' front seat.

Prince vs. Foo Fighters

Apparently, there's a beef going on between Prince and the Foo Fighters, a rock group founded in 1995 by former Nirvana drummer, Dave Grohl.

It started in 2004, when the band asked Prince if they could release a cover of his classic track, "Darling Nikki." Of course, Prince said no. But the superstar reportedly went the additional mile and put the group on blast by publicly urging them to write their own songs.

"I was watching the game at our producer's house," recalls Foo Fighter drummer Taylor Hawkins to MTV News. "I mean, I'm outside smoking a cigarette and someone sticks their head outside and goes, 'Uh, dude, Prince is doing your song.'"

Hawkins ran inside to see Prince performing a portion of the group's song "Best of You."

"I have no idea why he did it, but I'd love to find out," said Hawkins. "The thought went through my head that maybe he was doing it as a sort of 'bleep' you' to us, or maybe he really likes the song."

As for the group's version of "Darling Nikki," Hawkins says: "We wanted to put it out here in the States, but Prince wouldn't let us. I heard that he didn't like our version. Or maybe he just didn't like us doing it."

The one-time "Idol" hopeful was charged with six counts of resisting arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia, giving a false name to law enforcement, no pistol permit, person forbidden to possess a pistol, and fleeing/attempting to elude.

In January of 2005, Wells was arrested and jailed for failing to appear in court for an earlier charge where he reportedly fired a hand gun into an occupied vehicle.

New Young Buck Album Penciled In For March

"Buck the World," which was co-executive produced by 50 Cent and Sha Money Xi, features production from superstars like Eminem, Dr. Dre, 50 Cent, Hi-Tek and Jazze Pha. T.L. Young Jeezy, Plies, Snoop Dogg, Trick Daddy, Lyfe Jennings, Trey Songz, Linkin Park's Chester Bennington and Buck's G-Unit brethren make guest appearances.

The first single off the album is "I Know You Want Me," featuring and produced by Jazze Pha. The follow-up track is intended to be "Get Buck," which ships to U.S. radio outlets Feb. 26.
T.R. Knight Bullied Again... This Time By Diddy

While Justin Timberlake was performing at his pre-Grammy party Friday night at the Avalon in Los Angeles, drama was jumping off in the VIP section between the cast of "Grey's Anatomy" and impresario Sean "Diddy" Combs.

According to the New York Post, Diddy cast member T.R. Knight - fresh from dealing with co-star Isaiah Washington and his gay slurs - was with fellow "Grey's" actors Kate Walsh and Sara Ramirez in VIP watching performances by Timberlake, Nelly Furtado, and Fergie and told to leave by a security person believed to be working from dealing with co-star Wallace, will debut the label's spring collection at the event from Febr. 13 through 16. The line


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Jada Pinkett Smith OK With Will's Crushes

Will Smith used to have the hotter for Beyonce Knowles.

But don't tell his wife - she already knows. Jada Pinkett Smith says that her "Men In Black" hubby had a "crush" on the "Dreamgirls" singer - after he had a thing for Salma Hayek. But that's OK, Pinkett says. She had her own outside-the-marriage infatuation.

"Will and I both have our little Hollywood crushes," the "Collateral" star says in an upcoming issue of Tango magazine. "For me, it used to be The Rock [wrestler- turned-actor Dwayne Douglas Johnson]. For Will, it was Salma Hayek and then Beyonce for a while."

In fact, while some Hollywood spouses get nervous about being married to a sex symbol, Pinkett is so comfortable with her husband's hottie status that she says she wishes he'd do more on-screen snooching.

"I wish Will would do more [love scenes]," Jada shares, "People want to see that."

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Biggie Clothing Line To Debut In Vegas

The mother of slain rapper Notorious B.I.G. will launch a clothing line named after her son at the MAGIC Marketplace, a fashion trade event in Las Vegas that attracts the most influential designers and buyers in the business.

Dubbed Notorious, the collection features apparel for men, young men and boys, all inspired by the culture, lifestyle, and diversity of the late-rapper's Brooklyn hometown.

"We are excited to launch the collection at MAGIC. The spring collection has been well received by the stylists, trendsetters, and celebrities that have had the opportunity to see the line. There have been many positive comments about the bold, vivid color schemes and innovative graphics," says Rich Edwards, the line's Director of Marketing.

B.I.G.'s mother, Voletta Wallace, will debut the label's spring collection at the event from Febr. 13 through 16. The line

is currently available at many of the top specialty retailers across the country, including Downtown Locker Room, City Blues and J-Be's.

Meanwhile, the 10th anniversary of B.I.G.'s death this year will see the March 6 release of "Notorious B.I.G. Greatest Hits Album" from Bad Boy Entertainment, and production this summer on the upcoming Fox Searchlight feature film "Notorious," produced by Mrs. Wallace, Wayne Barrow, Mark Pitta and Bob Teitel.

It's All About Whitney Houston On Grammy Eve

Music impresario Clive Davis held his annual pre-Grammy party last night at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, and there was one person on everyone's mind - Whitney! A radiant Whitney walked the red carpet on the arm of Clive Davis, the head of the RCAJ Records Group. Performers at the party included Pink, Carrie Underwood, The Black Eyed Peas, and newcomer Jennifer Hudson. Justin Timberlake, who was scheduled to perform, backed out due to a high temperature.

Clive told Access Hollywood earlier this week that they've started on her new album already.

"I loved watching her listening to the songs - as we went over it to see what she felt. And we are ready, so I would say about four weeks from now we are going to (officially) start," Clive told Access.

When asked how Whitney was doing, Clive said, "Well, she is looking great and she is feeling great; she has obviously been through a trying time but you know she has the game and gets tough the tough getting and she is ready!"

AccessHollywood.com's Laura Saltman was at Clive's party and asked

Whitney Houston's arrivals for the Clive Davis Pre-Grammy Party in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Feb. 10. many of the celebrity party attendees about the woman of the hour.

 Legendary keyboardist Herbie Hancock advised Whitney not to try to come back until she was 100 percent.

"Yeah, sure she can come back. It all really depends on her. I think the most important thing is that she has a comeback within herself. Forget the public. I mean, she has to have a comeback within her own life. If she does that then she's accomplished everything she should be accomplishing," Hancock said.

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**Tyler Perry Reveals His Secret To Success**

LOS ANGELES — Even though Tyler Perry is a dude who has gone from living in his car to setting up camp on a posh estate outside of Atlanta, Hollywood’s most enigmatic filmmaker doesn’t believe in fairytales.

Why? Because he believes his steps are divinely ordered. That means he’s not lucky, nor does he have some animated fairy following him around sprinkling stardust on him with her magic wand.

The man has just been blessed.

And with that blessing comes responsibility.

The Tyler Perry brand is a brand that represents and means family, it means forgiveness, it means God, it means hope,” said Perry during a recent interview to promote his latest film “Daddy’s Little Girl.” “Whenever anyone has come to see a play or a film they have come to see something that means hope.”

**Hey, Paula, You’re Sued**

LOS ANGELES — If Paula Abdul’s upcoming reality show is anything like her life, it won’t lack for drama.

The latest plot twist: a lawsuit involving Abdul’s upcoming reality show.

The breach-of-contract suit accuses the American Idol judge and a business partner of making a deal with Bravo for the planned series, Hey Paula!, while cutting out the production company that claims to have dreamed up and developed the concept.

The lawsuit, brought by Pilgrim Films and Television, was filed Feb. 1 in Los Angeles and made public Tuesday by TMZ.

The complaint seeks unspecified damages and an injunction against further “misappropriation, exploitation and use of Hey Paula.”

Author Mitch Albom talks about his new book “For One More Day” in New York (Inset...Oprah).

**Oprah Firm To Make TV Film Of Albom Novel**

DETROIT — Mitch Albom says he’ll work with Oprah Winfrey’s Harpo Films Inc. on a TV movie based on his best-selling book “For One More Day.”

Albom told the Detroit Free Press in a story Tuesday that Winfrey saw the book in manuscript form and expressed early interest. He wrote the teleplay and will serve as an executive producer. Lloyd Kramer will direct.

“For One More Day” tells the story of a former baseball player who plans to end his life but finds redemption when he gets the chance to spend another day with his dead mother.

Casting is under way, and filming is expected to begin in July. The two-hour movie is tentatively scheduled to air in December on ABC-TV.

**Murphy’s Dream Gig Could Lead To Oscar**

LOS ANGELES — It’s a dramatic shift, when funny men turn serious. Even Eddie Murphy, the latest of Hollywood’s top comic performers to try, has had some laughs over his own transformation, which could bring him an Academy Award.

At the Screen Actors Guild awards, where he won yet another supporting-actor prize for “Dreamgirls” amid the build-up to Oscar night, Murphy copped a British accent as he soberly remarked how honored he was to be recognized by his peers.

Murphy could not keep the wiseguy with the broad grin in check for more than a few seconds, though.

“No, I’m sorry,” Murphy said after a moment, cracking up with laughter. “It’s just when the British people come and get the awards, it’s so smooth with their stuff. I feel goofy up here, ‘cause I don’t have wine stuff.”

And most comic actors don’t have wine stuff like an Oscar when they turn in a worthy serious performance. Some, like Will Smith, say after a moment, cracking up with laughter. “It’s so smooth with their stuff. I feel good up here, ‘cause I don’t have wine stuff.”

**Ray J Sex Tape Ready For Release**

Rumors of a sex tape starring R&B crooner Ray J and his ex-girlfriend, celebutante Kim Kardashian (daughter of O.J. Simpson attorney Robert Kardashian) have finally been substantiated.

Adult film company Vivid Video has confirmed that it has paid an unidentified third party $1 million for the rights to the tape, and that the footage will be released as the racy DVD Kim Kardashian Superstar on February 21. Additional footage not on the DVD will also be available online.

Vivid’s co-chairman, Steven Hirsch, announced in a statement: “I’ve seen the video and it’s really great. It has over 30 minutes of explicit sex that fans of erotic will find very appealing featuring two young and glamorous high-profile celebrities. Apparently, the video was shot by Ray J about three years ago when he and Kim were in a relationship. The production is crystal-clear and viewers will definitely get their money’s worth.”

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ANNA & THE ADVENTURE: Maddy forged a confession and signed it with ‘Adam’s name, but she and Gwen panicked when Margo announced that a body was found in the woods. Craig and Meg made love, only to have her call out her past. Craig was saved by saving Faith and a wild dog attacks a vicious dog (just as his vision predicted). Coming: Meg wants to be independent.

ARDO AND BEAUTIFUL: After fighting with Ridge over Phoebe and Rick’s growing bond, Brooke persuaded Rick that he must break off with Phoebe because of the strain on the family. Phoebe was heartbroken when Rick ended things and couldn’t forgive him. However, Rick’s outward feelings were too strong to ignore. Brooke and Phoebe ended up in a passionate embrace. Coming: Brooke and Ridge’s relationship ravishes

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Shawn, Belle and Claire escaped onto a raft and found refuge on a deserted island. EJ was shown with a dying Stefano at a beach to beg him to come and vowing to find a cure for him. When Steve’s violent impulses led him to almost strangle Kayla, he told EJ he’ll do whatever the DiMeras want in order to keep Kayla safe. Coming: EJ makes use of his latest discovery.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Sam became newsworthy due to her heroic actions at the Metro Court, piquing the interest of a mystery person. Despite their closeness during the crisis, Carly broke it to Sonny that she intends to divorce him and stay with Jax. Jason and Spin asked雯雯 about the censored JR for not getting help for Zoe. Zoe remembered ripping a button off the attacker’s coat, which Blanca found and Ryan brought to Dad’s. Zach took Kendall to see a psychic and got a shocking message. Kendall’s name was written in Cambias’ coat and opened and contained rocks and a note. Coming: Zach risks everything to save Kendall.

GUIDING LIGHT: As Alan underwent surgery following his shooting, the list of suspects grew to include Lizzie, Remy, Cassie, Reva and Alan-Michael. Alan-Michael is shown to be working to receive everyone Alan owns at his death. Unaware that Alan-Michael can walk perfectly, Ava reiterated her trust in Alan-Michael to Coop. Coming: Alan-Michael can walk perfectly, Ava reiterated her trust in Alan-Michael to Coop.

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MYSTIC STARS By Lasha Senik

If your birthday is this week, new love affairs or romantic entanglements may come to your attention.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Past attractions or forgotten romances may resurface. Expectations will be raised from old friends and lovers to be unusually seductive. Nostalgia, renewed passion and quiet reflection are compelling themes. Coming: EJ/von-Asriel (April 21). A close friend for EJ/von-Asriel (April 21) may be strongly motivated to begin new investments or make large purchases. Although both are positive, extra time will be needed to study and consider the terms and legal requirements. Written contracts may require complex revisions. Stay focused.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Romantic partners and family members will follow your social guidance. For many Cancerians, a recent dispute may demand mediation. Encourage a return to establishment of family or habitation. Emotional risk will not prove worthwhile

Lika (Sept. 23-Oct. 21): Minor criticism from loved ones, although heartfelt, is unwarranted. Don’t confront and expect friends and family to understand your unique romantic perspective. Lifestyle choices and creative endeavors may also be at issue. If so, find common ground before addressing the oft-emotional risks in the home.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Personal discussions may provide unique insight into the social needs of others. Listen for a hidden emotional message in the form of witty flirtations, fast comments or sarcastic humor. A friend or lover may feel more isolated or vulnerable than expected. If so, remain sympathetic but establish firm boundaries.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Last-minute invitations and revised home plans may reconcile social confidence and group harmony. Many Sagittarians will improve trust in long-term friendships and increase family activities. Defined schedules and revised home plans may prove vital. Expect fast messages, bold comments or unusual proposals.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Unresolved money issues with family members or close friends will be resolved through sensitive premises or outstanding issues are accentuated. Watch for friends or family to return to you at fast action or finalized payments. Be diplomatic. Secondary income sources or unexpected payments will create new options.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19): New friendships or work partnerships may evolve into romance. Social attraction and complex emotional triangles are delightfully seductive. Stay dedicated, be patient and sustain sustainable commitments. Emotional risk will not prove worthwhile.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Group relations may be unusually cloudy. Interpersonal, colleagues and close relatives to offer unreliable invitations and vaguely critical social comments. Don’t overreact to what appears to be the least of circumstances. Rest, gain perspective and enjoy quiet reflective activities.

March (Mar. 21-April 20): Loved ones may ask for clear statements of loyalty. Don’t hesitate. Valuable emotional progress can be established through open communications and a public assurance of affection. Romantic and social harmony is now on the rise.

Sentinel’s Top 20 Albums

1. The Evolution of Robin Thicke. .Robin Thicke
2. Last Night a D.J. Saved My Life. .Paul Oakenfold
3. Jill Scott Collaborations. ....Jill Scott
4. Soundtrack. ..................Dreamgirls
5. Konvicted. ..................Snoop Dogg
6. The Inspiration. ..........Young Jeezy
7. The Evolution of Robin Thicke. .Robin Thicke
8. B’Day. ..................Fergie
10. FutureSex/LoveSounds. ....Justin Timberlake

Sentinel’s Top 20 Singles

1. You. ..................Lloyd Featuring Lil’ Wayne
2. Promise. .................Sammi Rae
3. Lord Without U. ............Robyn Thicke
4. Runaway Love. ..........Ludacris Featuring Mary J. Blige
5. Throw Some D’s. ..........Rich Boy Featuring Polow Da Don
6. Irreplaceable. .......Beyoncé Featuring Jazze Pha
7. Ice Box. ..................Omarion
8. On The Hotline. ............Pretty Ricky Featuring Gucci Mane
9. Walk It Out. .................M. C. E. Featuring Snoop Dogg
10. I Wanna Love You. ..........Akon Featuring Snoop Dogg

Sentinel’s Top 10 Rap Albums

1. Last Night Special. ..........Pretty Ricky
2. The Inspiration. ..........Young Jeezy
3. Like Father. ..Birdman & Lil Wayne
4. Hip Hop Is Dead. .........Na ‘Sa
5. The Blue Carpet Treatment. .Snoop Dogg
6. Alternate Take. .............Jay-Z
8. Doctor’s Advocate. ..........The Game

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1. Runaway Love. ..........Ludacris Featuring Mary J. Blige
2. Make It Rain. ..........Fat Joe Featuring Cory Gunz
3. We Fly High. .................Jim Jones
4. Walk It Out. .................Lil Jon
5. Throw The De’s. ..........Rich Boy Featuring Polow Da Don
6. This Is Why I’m Hot. ..........Nas
7. That’s The S**t. ..........Snoop Dogg Featuring Rick Ross
10. Go Getta. .................Young Jeezy Featuring Rick Ross

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Talented Blind Musician Comes Back To His Roots

During the Christmas holidays, 14-year-old Jamie Thomas was a surprise guest performer at the Christmas program at Caminiti Exceptional Child Center. On Monday, he will return to the Center to participate in the school's Black History Program. In addition to being a blind, talented performer, Jamie attended the school for a year. However, unlike during the holidays, once Jamie completes his performance, he will be returning to his own school, the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, in St. Augustine.

The young man shares many similarities with the late Ray Charles. At the tender age of three, Jamie, who was born prematurely and blind, taught himself how to play the piano. He is often compared to Ray Charles because of that shared musical background and blindness. Through the years, the teenager has established himself as a talented musician and singer worthy of praise in the music industry. Jamie attended Caminiti when he was 3-years-old. Then, his family relocated to Atlanta.

For the next 6 years, Jamie attended Coralwood Education Center. Since entering the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, (where Ray Charles attended) Jamie has continued to rise as a talented performer. He's active in the music program at the school. But he also performs at other events such as family reunions, churches, graduations, funerals, school programs, and other community-oriented events.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Thomas, and brother to Ms. Erica Brown and Jasma Thomas.

Mrs. Thomas, who works at the school as a Teacher's Aide, was delighted that her son had the opportunity to participate in the Christmas program and be invited back for the Black History Program. Jamie made a special trip home for both performances.

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Sorority Holds Celebration In Recognition Of Community Service

The Gamma Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. held its annual ESP (Extraordinary Service Programs) Celebration, formally known as the Ivy AKAdemy Celebration, on January 27, 2007. The event was held at the AKA Sorority House and the Ivy AKAdemy Center. The event was the kick off to the sorority's yearlong list of community service programs and events in the Tampa Bay Area.

The day was filled with smiles and laughter from children who were entertained by the numerous activities provided at the event. There were jumbo slides, bouncing castles, hula hoop contests, kid's bowling, face painting, arts and crafts and so much more. The adults were definitely not forgotten because they benefited from the many vendors that were on hand such: Adore IT Accessories by Trish Stephens, L&D Fashions by Janet Clark, D'Alexi Urban Kids by Brenda Siplin, Personal Trainer - Stephanie Sykes, Keller Williams Properties and Real Estate Appraiser by Regina Brown, P.A., Sure Faith Fashions by Thelma Shuman, D'Axis Treasures by April Doss/Betsy Brown, and Travel Agent - Ivy Box.

The event also bolstered some great acts from Tampa Bay. Saxophonist B.K. Jackson performed as well as Walton's Academy for the Performing Arts, Keyboardist Quincy Jennings, St. John's Gents and St. John's Ladies from St. John Cathedral, Eisenhower Middle School Dance Team, The Lady Jags Step Team from Jennings Middle School, and the incomparable Kuumba Dancers.

Throughout the day families also had the opportunity to visit the Parent Resource Bus sponsored by the Hillsborough County School District, and the Fire Rescue Truck sponsored by the City of Tampa Fire and Rescue.

Other sponsors and community partners for this event include the Fifth/Third Bank, Children's Board of Hillsborough County, Alpha Kappa Alpha Education Advancement Foundation, Inc., Hillsborough County Public Schools and Caspers Corporation's McDonald's.

An event of this magnitude could not have been successful on its own. The ESP Celebration Chairperson, Maria Mitchell and Co-Chair, Tara Legree who worked tirelessly under the leadership of Gwen Myers, Chapter President, Evelyn McFadden, First Vice President and Deidre Jones, Second Vice President. The ESP Celebration Committee included: Beatrice Joliff, Gloria Thomas, Fabretta McNeil, Franchon Woodard, Regina Brown, Glenda Washington, Birdie Underwood, Alberta Shedrick, Kathy Griffin, Ricquitta Lomax, and Barbara White.
THE HIVE AT HOWARD W. BLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

What's really good Jackets? Welcome back to the return of the Hive at Howard W. Blake, with senior, Clarence Jones. This is the spot, and this is the buzz.

Jacket Buzz: Students, the FCAT will be here in the Hive in eleven more days! This test is very important, and is needed to receive your high school diploma. The areas of the FCAT that will be testing are reading, math and science. The FCAT will be held on February 26th - March 9th. Good luck.

Our new AP for Curriculum is Mr. Van Ayers, who was AP for Student Affairs.

Stars of the Future: Blake Stars of the Future Talent Showcase tickets will be going on sale next week! Also, students if you would like to show your talent, stop by C256 to fill out an application! There are a limited number of slots left! So, sign up today! Students, the Talent Show will be held March 30th.

The Hive at Howard W. Blake, with senior, Clarence • 2/23 - NAACP Youth Meeting and Pastors in Prayer.

Upcoming Events:
• 2/20 - Unity Day, ICC Meeting and Pastors in Prayer.
• 2/21 - Club Day.
• 2/23 - WEDU Central Ave. Remember.

Performing Arts Buzz: The HBW Chorus held its Winter Concert in the Hive yesterday with great performances. Upcoming events are:
• 2/20 - Band Pre-Festival Concert at 7 p.m.
• 2/22 - Orchestra Pre-Festival Concert at 7 p.m.
• 2/23 - Art Theme Show at 7 p.m., Gallery 501.

S.A.C. Buzz: Brotherhood / Sisterhood Week, Cultural Day and Black & Gold Day was held at the Hive this week and presented by the Blake Student Advisory Committee. This was a week to observe and contribute to those African-American men and women who have made a difference in the daily lives of Black men and women. Upcoming events:
• 2/22 - Multi-Cultural Festival (All Lunches)
• 2/22 - Black Business Day (Vespa Room).
• 2/23 - NAACP Youth Summit.

Senior Class Buzz:
Upcoming events:
• 2/22 - College Visit: University of North Florida.

Sport Buzz:
The Blake girl's basketball team is now Regional Champions! The Blake girl's defeated Palm Harbor University 45-39 at Blake last Thursday in front of a sold-out crowd. The girls took on Lakewood High School on Tuesday and lost. The Softball and Baseball season is back on track, and is looking for the support of the student body! Visit the games and show your support! Softball and baseball takes on the Middleton "Tigers" tonight at Black! Let's Go Jackets!

Ryan Davis Ryan Davis, senior at Blake High has committed to Bethune-Cookman College.

Good luck, Ryan! And congratulations!

Tennis Anyone?
Are you interested in joining Tennis, well you could make the team! If interested visit Mrs. Green for more info.

Upcoming events:
• 2/17 - Football Recruiting Fair at East Bay.
• 2/20 - Softball/baseball vs. Hillsborough at Blake.
• 2/23 - Softball/Baseball vs. Leto.
• 2/23 - AAU Basketball Shootout at Blake. Shoot Outs

Shout outs to: Christian Pennington "Dora," Clarence Jones "BG," Tanisha, GL, Shanay, Pip, Huggie, Tashaa, Greg, Rissa, Chris, Dominique, Maurice, Shay, Ce- Ce, Eboni, Tank, Keyshon, Monica, Al- Chi, Richeenea, Brittany, Crystal, Deit, Jesse, Dee, Bo, Drea, Jermaine, Keda, Baby Boy, Nuke, D.J., Ripper, Geacla, Imoni, Jessica, Amp, Muffin, Mr. Davey and the class of 2007.

Jacket Buzz:
Here is all the buzz from the Hive and the buzz for this week. Don’t forget the upcoming events! Get it, got it, good!

Hey there my fellow Titans, underclassmen the time is approaching. Are you prepared for FCAT? You need to get lots of sleep, so that you are energized for when you're acing the test. FCAT Dates: Monday, Feb. 26 (reading), Feb. 27 (Mathematics), Wednesday, Feb. 28 (NRT Science), Thursday, March 1 (reading retakes), Friday, March 2 (Math retakes and make-ups), Monday, March 5 (NRT Makeups).

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The Diamonds have announced a planned trip to Universal Studios in Orlando, FL. The total cost for the trip is due by April 23, 2007. The date of the trip will be on May 22, 2007. This will be the third time the Diamonds make the trip to Universal Studios. The fees do include transportation, entry and food. FCAT tutoring continues on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-5 p.m. All Mt. Pleasant students are welcome for after school tutoring. The FCAT will be administered the week of Feb. 26th - March 9th. Proper planning prevents poor performance. All eighth grade students must pass all sections of the FCAT to be eligible for promotion to the ninth grade.

March will mark the beginning of practice for the 2007 Flag Football and Volleyball season. Practices will be scheduled in the weeks to come. This year our Mount Pleasant Diamonds will be led on the field by head coach Mr. Hemphill. Ms. Wynn will be coaching the Mount Pleasant Volleyball team to victory this year.

Our Black History Month Program was held on February 15th. It was a great success. Thank all of you who attended.
Happy Birthday - February Celebrants
Happy Birthday to you!


Celebrations
Belated happy birthday to Ronald James, Sr., husband of Mrs. Sadarria James, whose birthday was on Thursday, February 15, 2007. The family celebrated his 58th birthday at Red Lobster Seafood Restaurant and everyone had a delightful time. May God bless him to have many, many more!

Much love is being sent his way, from his wife, Sadarria, and grandchildren, Ronald II, Robert, Raymond, Robyn, Tevin, Monique, Andrew, Josephine, Hillard, Peter and Rose James.

Happy Anniversary
Here's wishing a happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. John (Joyce) Austin, who celebrated their February 16, 1992, marriage on yesterday.

May life's richest blessings always be yours, John and Joyce Austin as you celebrat ed 15 wonderful years together!

Blessed and happy anniversary greetings to Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Bartholomew (Lady Vanessa) Banks, Sr., who will celebrate their special February 17, 1977, union on tomorrow, when they renew their wedding vows at St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church's Family Life Center at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. is Pastor at St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, which is located at 2604 East Chicopee Avenue. Rev. C. P. Epps, Pastor of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, will officiate. May the joy of the Lord forever continue to be your strength, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Bartholomew (Lady Vanessa) Banks, Sr. as you celebrate 35 years together!

Allen Temple AME Church
Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2101 North Lowe Street, celebrated Founder's Day on Sunday, February 11, 2007. The theme was "Living and pursuing our dreams through Jesus Christ." Reverend Charles E. Graham, Pastor of Ebenezer 17, 15, 77, 1776, Live Oak, Florida, delivered the 11:00 a.m. message. Reverend Graham is a former Pastor of Allen Temple AME Church.

The Reverend Bryan Anthony Fayson, who, is Pastor of St. Paul AME Church, Tampa, was the 7:45 a.m. messenger. His brother, Reverend Frankie Fayson, the Pastor of Gregg Temple AME Church, Tampa, introduced him. Reverend J. T. McLean and Reverend Byron Pressley served as Worship Leaders at the 7:45 and 11:00 a.m. services, respectively. The Gospel Choir rendered musical selections at 7:45 a.m. The Youth Choir rendered the same at 11:00 a.m.

Other program participants included: Brother Stephen Miller, Sister Linda Leavell, Brother Zannie Mount, Sister Margaret Petway, Sister Fecila Gilmore-Long, Sister Veronica Blakely, Brother Rafael Wright, Sr., Sister Terry Wright, Brother Rafael Wright, Jr., Brother Lonnie Goodwin, Sister Shirley Goodwin, First Lady Sister Dorothy Cook, Sister Jacqueline Bogen, First Lady of First Mt. Carmel AME Church; Sister Clayton Morgan and Sister Simone Reddick.

The Program Committee consisted of: Sister Loretta Jackson, Sister Lashiffie Jackson, Sister Max McDonald, Sister Jannie Simpson, Sister Brenda McIntyre, Sister Shirley Goodwin and Sister Fecila Gilmore-Long.

Reverend Willie J. Cook, Master of Divinity is Pastor; Reverend Theodore Andrews is President Elder of the Tampa District of the AME Church, Dr. Dorothy Jackson Young is Episcopal Supervisor and Bishop McKinney Young is Resident Bishop of the Eleventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (Florida and the Bahamas).

Benefit Gala
The Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Library Foundation hosted a Benefit Gala on January 27, 2007 in the Grand Ballroom of the Wyndham Westshore Hotel, 4806 W. Kennedy Boulevard. The Gala, which featured NAACP Chairman, Julian Bond as keynote speaker, was a fundraiser to construct a 13,000 square foot Cultural Arts Center and Theatre to experience the shapes, sights and sounds of art in the heart of East Tampa, at the Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Library, located at 1505 N. Nebraska Avenue. The Gala began at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Cheryl Rodriguez welcomed the gathering, and served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening. Awesome jazz artist, Rose Bilal, whose unique vocal stylings are reminiscent of Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan, provided musical entertainment. Greetings came from the Honorable State Senator Arthenia L. Joyner, Chairperson of the affair, along with Leon Russell, from the NAACP's National Board of Directors introduced the keynote speaker. Julian Bond, Chairman of the National NAACP's Board of Directors addressed the audience. Closing remarks came from Charles F. Hurns, President of The Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Library Foundation.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Truth crushed to the earth, will rise again."

Please submit your news of interest that you would like to appear in this column. Contact Frankcencé Favors-Daniels by phone (813) 943-2205, or by e-mail at tellittampabay@aol.com. Thank you.

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Father Of Three Needs Bone Marrow Match To Fight Aggressive Cancer

Joseph Grimsley, center, is shown with his family, from left to right: Adah, 6, Joel, 8, his wife, Mrs. Adriana Grimsley, and Asia, 9. He currently undergoes treatment at Moffitt Cancer Center.

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel Staff Writer

In August of last year, Joseph Grimsley was diagnosed with Myeloid Leukemia (AML). After completing an aggressive chemotherapy treatment, the disease went into remission.

He was scheduled to receive the last 4 rounds of the chemotherapy treatment when he began experiencing severe pain. After undergoing an examination at Moffitt Cancer Center, Grimsley was informed that the leukemia cells had returned.

The 35-year-old husband and father of three was admitted to the hospital Sunday night. As Grimsley battles the disease, his mother continues to organize bone marrow drives to help her son. In an effort to reach the masses, Mrs. Ethel Grimsley will conduct a bone marrow drive as part of the African American Heritage Celebration. The event will be held on Saturday, February 24th, at Heritage Village, 11909 125th Street, North, Largo, FL.

Mrs. Grimsley has already held several drives in an effort to help her son. "I want to reach out to the masses, educate, and raise awareness in the African American community," she said. "The percentage of African American donors on the National Bone Marrow Registry is extremely low (10% of 600)," Mrs. Grimsley said.

Grimsley was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML), also known as Acute Myelogenous Leukemia, a cancer of the myeloid line of white blood cells.

Prior to the recurrences of the disease, Grimsley had been traveling from his Largo home to H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center one week each month. During that week, he underwent three chemotherapy treatments. "He's really weak and he's in so much pain. He has had to take a couple of units of blood since being admitted to the hospital," his mother said.

Grimsley must now begin the series of chemotherapy treatments from the beginning since the disease is no longer in remission.

The young father said his wife, Mrs. Adriana Grimsley, and mother have been very supportive. But he continues to have hope for a cure with the donation of bone marrow. He is registered with the National Marrow Donor Association. But to date, no donor match has been located.

Prior to becoming ill, Grimsley worked for APSOC Appliance Center. He has been unable to work after the illness struck.

Anyone wishing to contact Mrs. Grimsley can reach her at her home (727) 530-1566; her cellular phone (727) 742-0020; or by e-mail at ethelgrimsley8@hotmail.com.

Joseph Grimsley, center, is shown with his family, from left to right: Adah, 6, Joel, 8, his wife, Mrs. Adriana Grimsley, and Asia, 9. He currently undergoes treatment at Moffitt Cancer Center.
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Historic Harlem Academy Meeting

Members of the Historic Harlem Academy and Harlem Elementary School will hold a meeting on Sunday, February 18th, at 5 p.m. The meeting will take place at Greater Bethel Baptist Church Annex, 1206 N. Jefferson Street. This important meeting is open to anyone interested in preserving Harlem's Historic Legacy. Plans are underway for making the spot where the school stood at the intersection of Harrison and Morgan as a historic location.

Mrs. Frances Cheeks Jennings is the Chairperson and Mrs. Harriet Scott is the Co-Chairperson.

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For information please call the Economic and Urban Development Department at 274-7427.

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Poet, Storyteller Releases New Piece

From left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Leland (Andrea) Clayton, Ms. Brenda Cruz, Queen Sapphire, and Rhonda Gray.

A poet, storyteller, and performer with a flair for the folklore and unique gift of communicating, Linda "Queen Sapphire" Cummings has touched the lives of many in the area with words and action. Queen Saffire has traveled through the area entertaining and enlightening audiences with her command for literary melodies.

In celebration of Black History Month, Queen Saffire is once again presenting her best work, "A Long Ride Back To Mississippi," based on her original poem, "Sapphire."

"A Long Ride Back To Mississippi" is a mystery saga about the Delta, a poetic reflection of the south. The story draws from the survivors memories after the civil war. The ride also helps heal the wounds brought on by racial injustice.

Queen Saffire first performed at the Central City YMCA last March 2006. Reporter Leon B. Crews can be reached at (813) 248-0724, or e-mailed at leon@flsuntrib.com.

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Sometimes your future is ordained because of what your parents did when you were a child. Penny Jo’Leain Clardy realized that and accepted her destiny to be an entertainer and businesswoman.

Growing up in Kentucky, Ms. Clardy sang gospel in her local church and was a member of a gospel group called “The 23rd Psalms.”

“Growing up, I was influenced by my mother, Mahalia Jackson, Gladys Knight and others.”

After high school, Ms. Clardy joined the U.S. Army and discharged after 10 years. That was 4 years ago and Ms. Clardy and her daughter moved to Tampa.

“I worked a government job, but that’s not what I really wanted.”

As fate would have it, Ms. Clardy met an artist known to get into music again. As a promoter in Georgia and as Demont and quickly decided to record, perform, and dance creating a new sound coming out of the Bay. We want to provide an avenue and platform for young artists to record, perform, and dance at talent shows, go on small tours, and at other events.”

Along with Demont, Ms. Clardy has signed artists Drazyk and Dejavu. Demont and Drazyk are working on solo projects as well as collaborating with Titanium Child Entertainment/Stunt Man Productions. Demont hails from Philadelphia and says it was an uncle that got him involved in the music business.

“I had relatives who entertained. We moved to Tampa at the age of 17, I worked with Warner Brothers Records helping develop talent. I branched off later and started performing and learning more about the industry. I am actually an R&B performer who also writes and produces.”

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PENNY CLARDY AND DEMONT

with a big production company, Ms. Clardy gained a lot of experience and patience. Ms. Clardy is now the founder and owner of McPantha Entertainment, and she along with Demont want to share their experience and contacts to help aspiring artists in the area.

“I started the company when friends in the music business got together for the sole purpose of creating a new sound coming out of the Bay. We want to provide an avenue and platform for young artists to record, perform, and dance at talent shows, go on small tours, and at other events.”

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LaBrawn Saffold has a lot to be thankful for. He survived an accident that killed his cousin and left him a paraplegic.

Saffold has not let that limit his lust for life or his desire to help others. Along with All Sports Community Services and its founder, Tyron Keys, Saffold has appeared at area schools as a motivational speaker and is a mentor at Academy Prep.

Through his association with Keys, Saffold expressed an interest to travel to Miami for Super Bowl XLI.

"I never thought I’d be going to the game. I knew Keys was going as a member of the 1985 Chicago Bear team and I joked with him about hiding me in his trunk. So I could be there."

Saffold said Keys later told him he was able to get an extra room at the hotel where the Bear players were staying and I could stay there during the game. "He never said he had tickets for the game."

"A friend drove me to Miami and we went to South Beach where I met a lot of celebrities. We were in the hotel enjoying ourselves the day before the game, and I met Mrs. McCaskey, the owner of the Bears. She greeted Mr. Keys and remembered him during his playing days. He introduced me to her and told her he wasn't able to get me tickets for the game."

Saffold said Mrs. McCaskey told him she'd see what she could do about that. "On Sunday morning while I was at the chapel with some of the Bear players, Mr. Keys approached me after the service and pulled out a pair of tickets. I didn't know what to say." Saffold said he had the opportunity to meet actors Nick Cannon, Vivica Fox, Lisa Raye, and football players like Shawn Merriman, Richard Dent, Thomas Jones, and Muhsein Muhammad.

"I met them because I was there during the game. 'He was able to get me tickets for the game. I thought Prince was great at halftime."

"We had great seats at the game with a great view, and I thought Prince was great at halftime."

After the game, Keys and Saffold went to celebrate with the Indianapolis Colts.

"We drove to their hotel in Fort Lauderdale and were at their Super Bowl victory party. Later, Coach Dungy walked in, called him, and he remembered me from a trip we were on together with Derrick Brooks to Africa."

"He shook my hand, and that was a great moment. I shook hands with a man who had just made history." Saffold said as the Vince Lombardi Trophy was being passed around, he managed to grab it for a quick photo shot.

"Again, I was in the right place at the right time. There aren't many people who can say they held a Super Bowl trophy."

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"The Voice of Our Community Speaking for Itself"
EEG Oratorical Contest

A Education & Enlightenment Group Oratorical Contest was recently held in Lakeland.

Invocation - Rev. Greg Robinson, Lakeland Police Department Safety Aide, Pastor, Revelation MB Church, Tampa.

Darnell Thornton, McKeel Academy.

Poinsettia Williams, member of EEG Minority Young Professionals Alliance Board Member.

Barbara Solomon, Welcome to Word Alive Ministries Learning Enrichment Center.

Jeffery Williams, President, Education and Enlightenment Group (EEG) is shown with judges of the MLK Jr. Oratorical Contest. Among the judges are: Michell Githens, former Lakeland Vision Exec. Dir.; Lynn Briedenback, WTWB Radio; Dr. Edward “Chris” Quincy - Walgreens Pharmacy Manager; Adrea Oliver - WONN/WPCU/WLKF/WWRR (Big Four Radio), Chris Fear, and Atty. Greg Robinson Law Firm.

Alonzo Thompson, EEG Board member and Timekeeper.

With first place winner, (L-R) Jeffrey Williams, Pastor E. Telfair Pickett, III, Ernest Joe, Jr., Michael Davis, Carol Griffin and Phillip Walker.

Recognition of Judges, Phillip Walker and Recognition of Contestants, Carol Griffin.

With second place winner, (L-R) Jeffrey Williams, Pastor E. Telfair Pickett, III, Carol Griffin, Phillip Walker and Michael Davis.

Third place winner and (L-R) Jeffrey Williams, E. Telfair Pickett, III and Michael Davis.

Parents and Friends.

Erin Joe, Lake Gibson Middle School.

Another second place winner and (L-R) Jeffrey Williams, E. Telfair Pickett, III and Michael Davis.
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2007

Lakeland Community Theatre News

The Lakeland Community Theatre Pied Piper Players starred recently in the Fats Waller Musical Show, " Ain't Misbehavin' " on February 2, 3, and 4, 2007 at The Lake Mirror Theatre.

" Ain't Misbehavin' opened on Broadway on May 9, 1978, and instantly made history. It brings to life the whole world that Fats Waller lived in and largely represented - Harlem in the 30s. Honky Tonk tunes, rent parties, numerous piano players and the new rage of swing, Fats Waller did it all. The Pied Piper Players gave a new name to the well-wishers of Lakeland. Hollywood-Broadway here, we come!"

This outstanding cast had the hearts of Lakeland as family and friends bursting with pride as the Lakeland youth and others performed in this high-stepping musical namely, Miss Shayla Mayweather, who has family ties in Lakeland and Atlanta. GA. This young lady attended college in Raleigh, NC, at Shaw University where she majored in communications with a minor in music. She worked as an associate segment producer in Real Talk with Kietta, an Orlando TV show.

Ralph Chandler is a senior at Harrison School of the Arts in Lakeland. Ralph plays soccer for Lakeland Sr. High School and plays the tuba as a member of the Harrison Orchestra. He has appeared in the Music Man and South Pacific.

Miss Syreeda Bivens is a reading teacher at Lakeland Highlands Middle School. Her talents to Broadway shows her passion for acting and singing while performing as Raye in a Tuffet Christmas last season. Tina Turner, Pattie Labelle, The Diva Aretha Franklin — the talented Syreeda is known for her great impersonation of these 3 queens. Other star studded cast members are: Jennifer Shuy Marshall, a transportation engineer with FBS&J in Bartow.

Vincent Miller is employed with Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks, where he is contracted as Lyongo in the Broadway production of "Ka Tonga."

Shayla Mayweather's proud dad, Carl Mayweather, Patricia Willis attended the musical. The duo, formerly of Lakeland, currently resides in Atlanta.

Others attending and enjoying the show were: Atty. Kenneth (Ken) Glover and his guest, and Ralph Chandler's mother, Ms. Martha of Lakeland.

February Celebrates

Happy birthday to you all!

Christ Community Ministries

First Baptist Inst. Church
Rev. Alex Harper, Pastor and congregation say happy birthday to: Brothers Gow Fields, Byron Speed, Christ Hudson, Gene Adams, Tony Hudson and Deacon Willie Speed, sisters - Ruby Walker, Camella Smith and Freddie Adams.

Happy anniversary to:

Rev. Alex Harper, Sr. and Martha Harper.

Happy anniversary to Bro. And Sister Lawrence (Linda) Silas.

Allen Temple

Happy birthday to cuz, Atty. Frank Stewart Tampa, February 12, 2007, 69 years.

He is a member at Allen Temple AME Church, Rev. Willie Cook, Pastor.

Praise Him In The Dance Faith and Deliverance Outreach Ministry, Evangelist Joan W. Harris, Overseer. On Saturday, February 24, 2007, 4 p.m., Prophetic Dancer Sheila Williams of Without Walls Central and Evangelist Joan Harris will have our 2nd Praise Dance Extravaganza. This program will include our 2nd Praise Dance Extravaganza. This program will include Praise Dancers from throughout Polk County and will be held at Carver Recreation Center, 52- S. Idlewood Ave., Bartow.

Dr. M.L.K. Jr. Leadership Breakfast
The Dr. M.L.K. Jr. Leadership Breakfast was held January 14, 2007. The program was as follows:

Ms. Liesta Sykes, Presiding; theme, "Celebrating The Diversity of History for a Brighter Tomorrow;"
Invocation - Evangelist Emmet L. Wiseman, Bethune Baptist Church, Plant City, Pledge of Allegiance - all, Greetings - John Dicks, Mayor, City of Plant City, Introduction of Dignitaries - Mary Yvette Thomas-Mathis, City Commissioner, City of Plant City, Selection - Carl Bryant.

Breakfast Buffet, Introduction of Speaker - James McDaniel, Guest Speaker - Rev. Henry Simmons, "A Diversified Dream," Mt. Moriah M. B. Church, Plant City, Presentation of Awards - Henry Johnson, President, E. L. Bing Award, M. L. King Award, Sadye Gibbs Martin Award and President's Award; Announcements and Remarks - Henry Johnson, President, "Life Every Voice And Sing," and Benediction.
Pastor Richard Collins, Gospel Tabernacle.


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On December 20, 2006, Life Skills Center held their Winter-Commencement ceremony at the Lake Mirror Theatre in Lakeland. The ceremony was filled with excitement, joy and tears. The graduates were praised for their outstanding achievements and determination.

Dr. Clint Wright delivered a powerful address and challenged the students to obtain higher heights by setting a goal to earn a degree every four years. Graduates included: Brian Dodson (Valedictorian), Kayleigh Meacham (Salutatorian), Heather Anthony, Paul Badillo, Samara Buchanan, Justin Canady, Brittany Cleas, Aaron Creley, Joseph Cruz, Katherine Cruz, Brittany Dawes, Michael Kerchner, Ashley Fennell, Lakevia Ghent, Shakayia Ghent, Jason Hernandez, Dania Jones, Deserie Leon, James Lowers, Gabrielle Magill, Barry Main, Joan Martinez, Thyrone McGordon, Amaury Paulino, Teddy Poole, Justin Ray, Joshua Roddenberry, Juliana Rodriguez, Cory Rogers, Yarelis Sanabria, Dondria Shell, Summer Torres, Amy Tramel and Shakrina Williams.

The Life Skills Center Take Your Child To School Day was held on February 7, 2007. This fun-filled event drew in more than 50 children from the community. Healthy Start, Access Florida, Big Brothers Big Sisters set up booths and empowered the students with knowledge about their programs. Youth and Families Alternatives entertained the students with face painting, sand box and toddler play time, while Explorations V topped off the day with storytelling time and other activities.

The Lakeland Police Department educated the students and tier children about crime prevention, while riding her motorized tricycle. The kids had an opportunity to enjoy the space walk, musical chairs and video time. The students were very proud to show off their children, sisters, brothers, cousins and family members.

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The City Of Refuge C.O.G.I.C. held their First Lady Appreciation Service on December 31, 2006, for the beautiful, young wife of Pastor Walter Jenkins.

Donna recently celebrated her go something natal day with her beloved family, church family and friends. A love gift of $3,076+ was presented to her along with other lovely gifts.

Sis. Vera McNeal provided the Prayer.

City of Refuge's Praise Duo performed at the festivities.

Donna is shown with her mom, sisters and brother: Debbie Davis, Beverly Williams, (mother) Peggy Davis, Mickey Davis of Kinston, N.C., Julie Davis and Sally Brisbane, Principal of East Area Adult School of Lakeland.

Family members from Lakeland and Kinston, N. C. joined Donna at the celebration.

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When it comes to African American pilots, Jacquelyne Beiro reflects on the Tuskegee Airmen, Beesie Coleman, Willa Brown, Janet Harmon Bragg, Theresa Claiborne, and Joan Higginbotham. She also is aware of the fact that there were hundreds of Black male and female pilots after World War II, but only one was successful in landing a job with a commercial airline.

"Today, 1 1/2% of all the pilots flying are Black, 14 of them women, and 6% white females.

"Eight years ago, I was the only Black woman pilot in this area. Today, I'm still the only one. I've been in Tampa for 15 years, and I haven't seen 1 person take advantage of this opportunity."

Ms. Beiro wasn't always a pilot. She ran several businesses and was quite successful. However, a relative got her interested in flying, and in 1987, she completed her first solo flight.

"When it comes to careers, becoming a pilot is something children aren't exposed to in the school system. I want to change that."

Ms. Beiro has been given an opportunity with the Hillsborough County School System to produce a publication for Black History about Black pioneer aviators and modern-day astronauts that will instill confidence by learning about the past.

"I hope thousands of students will be influenced to become pilots."

Ms. Beiro has a commercial license and an instructor's license, and wants to open a flight training school for African Americans, especially women.

"I flew for WRA Airlines based in Raleigh, North Carolina, owned by Warren Wheeler. It is the first Black owned and operated airline in the world. Wheeler is responsible for a lot of Black pilots flying today. He was Piedmont's first Black pilot, hired at the age of 19. He's retired and now runs a Caribbean charter service."

Ms. Beiro said the door of opportunity has to stay open so young African Americans can see this as a career.

Reporter Leon B. Creus can be reached at (813) 948-0728, or e-mailed at leon@flsentinel.com.
Local Computer Group
Making Moves To Better
Serve Community

BY ANTONIE DAVIS
Sentinel Staff Writer

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To prove that you were discriminated against by a private employer, you must have evidence of 1) a discriminatory intent and 2) the discriminatory effect. The Supreme Court, in Griggs v. Duke Power Co. (Supreme Court, 1971), a group of African American employees challenged a color-blind employment policy requiring the passing of an aptitude test and a high school diploma in order to qualify for job outside of farming. They were determined to have no education beyond the eighth grade, while only 1.2% of whites had completed high school at the time. Looking at the evidence, the lower court found that 34% of white males had completed high school, while only 8% of black males had done so; further, it found that while 56% of whites passed the aptitude test, only 8% of blacks had. Since having a high school diploma and the aptitude test were determined to have no direct bearing on actual job performance, the Supreme Court held that the high school diploma requirement and the aptitude test violated Title VII, the federal anti-discrimination law.

Although an employer can require that you have a high school diploma, this does not mean that such a requirement is inherently discriminatory. The evidence must be balanced against the legitimate business justifications for the requirement. For example: In Griggs v. Duke Power Co. (Supreme Court, 1971), a group of African American employees challenged a color-blind employment policy requiring the passing of an aptitude test and a high school diploma in order to qualify for job outside of farming. They were determined to have no education beyond the eighth grade, while only 1.2% of whites had completed high school at the time. Looking at the evidence, the lower court found that 34% of white males had completed high school, while only 8% of black males had done so; further, it found that while 56% of whites passed the aptitude test, only 8% of blacks had. Since having a high school diploma and the aptitude test were determined to have no direct bearing on actual job performance, the Supreme Court held that the high school diploma requirement and the aptitude test violated Title VII, the federal anti-discrimination law.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Zoning Hearing Master, pursuant to Hillsborough County Ordinance 92-05, beginning at 6:00 p.m., March 5, 2007, at the Board Room, 2nd floor of the County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, to hear the following requests.

Copies of the applications, department reports and legal descriptions are available for public inspection in a master file maintained by the Planning and Growth Management Department, the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. All interested persons wishing to submit testimony or other evidence in this matter must submit same to the Hearing Master prior to the public hearing before him/her. The recommendation of the Zoning Hearing Master will be filed with the Clerk within fifteen (15) working days after the conclusion of the public hearing.

The review of the Zoning Hearing Master's recommendation by the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County shall be restricted to the record as defined in Hillsborough County Ordinance 92-05, unless additional evidence and/or oral argument is permitted pursuant to the terms of the ordinance.

ANY PERSON WHO MIGHT WISH TO APPEAL ANY DECISION OR RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE ZONING HEARING MASTER OR THE GOVERNING BODY REGARDING ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE FORTHCOMING PUBLIC HEARING OR MEETING IS HEREBY ADVISED THAT THEY WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THEY MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE AS IT WILL INCLUDE THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH SUCH APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

Additional information concerning these requests may be obtained by calling the Department of Planning and Growth Management at (813) 276-2058.

SPECIAL USE REQUEST

Petition SU 07-0515-TH, filed on 1/10/2007 by Abdullah & Shirley Ansah of 9320 Joe Ebert Rd., Seffner, FL 33584, ph 813-986-8007, requesting expansion of an existing Non-Conforming Lot. The property is 0.23 acres ± and is presently zoned CN. It is located in all or parts of Section 20 Township 28 Range 20 or 9320 Joe Ebert Rd.

REZONING REQUESTS

Petition RZ 06-0753-RV, filed on 2/9/2006 by Dreamview Properties LLC, represented by Steven H. Allison, of P.O. Box 16277, Tampa, FL 33687, ph 813-688-9723, requesting a zone change from ASC-1 to PD. The property is 10.99 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 16 Township 30 Range 20 or E/S of Alafia Dr., 150' S/O Church Dr.

Petition RZ 06-1935-CW, filed on 8/20/2006 by Citrus Pointe Professional Center LLC, represented by A.G. Spicola, Esq., of 412 E. Madison St., #807, Tampa, FL 33602, ph 813-229-0326, requesting a zone change from AS-1 to RD. The property is 1.11 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 12 Township 28 Range 17 or N/S of Gunn Hwy., 50' E/O Olive Jones Rd.

Petition RZ 07-0193-GB, filed on 11/7/2006 by Steiner Communities LLC, represented by Marilyn H. Healy of 401 E. Jackson St., #2700, Tampa, FL 33602, ph 813-222-6508, requesting a zone change from RSC-6 to PD. The property is 4 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 24 Township 30 Range 18 or SW corner of Magnolia Ave. & Vaughn St.

Petition RZ 07-0234-RU, filed on 11/15/2006 by Ruskin Properties 2 LLC, represented by Michael L. Peterson, Esq., of 218 Apollo Beach Blvd., Apollo Beach, FL 33572, ph 813-646-0966, requesting a zone change from CG & AR to PD. The property is 50.28 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 9 Township 32 Range 19 or SE corner of 15th St. S/E & College Ave. (SR 674).

Petition RZ 07-0251-PR, filed on 11/20/2006 by Thomas Outfitters LLC, represented by Mark Bentley, Esq., of 201 N. Franklin, #2200, Tampa, FL 33602, ph 813-273-5124, requesting a zone change from AR, CG & PD-O (85-297) to PD. The property is 24.95 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 25 Township 28 Range 19 or W/S of U.S. Hwy. 301, 3/8 mile S/O Palm River Rd.

Petition RZ 07-0269-TNC, filed on 11/22/2006 by Berkley Preparatory School Inc., represented by Jim Shimberg, Jr., of 100 N. Tampa St., #4100, Tampa, FL 33602, ph 813-227-6412, requesting a zone change from RSC-8, RSC-9, PD (01-208) to PD. The property is 80.00 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 1 Township 29 Range 17 or SE corner of Kelly Rd. & W. New Orleans St.

Petition RZ 07-0420-BR, filed on 12/15/2006 by Thomas Martino, LLC, represented by John B. Grandoff, III, Esq., of 101 E. Kennedy Blvd., #3700, Tampa, FL 33602, ph 813-221-3900, requesting a zone change from RSC-2 to RSC-9. The property is 2.99 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 17 Township 29 Range 20 or NW corner of Fisher Lane & Fairview Ave.

Petition RZ 07-0457-SFN, filed on 12/27/2006 by David Hood, represented by Stacy Pendang of 11609 A Valencia Dr., Seffner, FL 33584, ph 813-626-2461, requesting a zone change from CG to CI. The property is 1.86 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 32 Township 28 Range 20 or W/S of Williams Rd., 300' N/O U.S. Hwy. 92.

Petition RZ 07-0496-BR, filed on 1/4/2007 by Daniel Mullins, represented by Connie Smaldone of 210 S. Kings Ave., #H, Brandon, FL 33511, ph 813-417-0481, requesting a zone change from ASC-1 to M. The property is 0.46 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 17 Township 29 Range 20 or E/S of Hobbs St., 550' N/O Fisher Ave.

Petition RZ 07-0506-BR, filed on 1/5/2007 by Quoc Nguyen & Tham Tran, represented by Hung T. Mai, P.E., of 14031 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33618, ph 813-969-0600, requesting a zone change from RSC-3 to CG. The property is 2.36 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 5 Township 30 Range 20 or N/S of Bloomingdale Ave., 50' W/O Christy Lane.

Petition RZ 07-0507-ER, filed on 1/8/2007 by Janice M. Garvin of 13085 Hwy 92, Dover, FL 33527, ph 813-659-0819, requesting a zone change from ASC-1 to CN. The property is 0.52 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 30 Township 28 Range 21 or S/S of U.S. Hwy. 92, 250' SW of Gallagher Rd.

Petition RZ 07-0509-RU, filed on 1/9/2007 by Ray and Catherine A. Gay Winder of 309 15th Ave. NW, Ruskin, FL 33570, ph 813-641-9696, requesting a zone change from AR to RSC-4. The property is 4.68 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 6 Township 32 Range 19 or N/S of 15th Ave. NW, 50' E/O 4th St. NW.

Petition RZ 07-0517-RU, filed on 1/10/2007 by Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners of P.O. Box 1110, Tampa, FL 33601, ph 813-272-5920, requesting a zone change from CN, CG, RMC-12 & RDC-12 to RTC-1&2. The property is 84.64 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 8, 18 Township 32 Range 19 or NE corner of 1st St. NW & W. Shell Point Rd.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Zoning Hearing Master, pursuant to Hillsborough County Ordinance 92-03, beginning at 6:00 p.m., March 6, 2007, at the Board Room, 2nd floor of the County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, in his office until:

3:30 PM ON 3/28/07
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then and thereafter to be publicly opened and read. Request for Proposal are available at the Purchasing Department (Phone: 813/274-8531).

Dated: 2/16/07
Gregory K. Spearman, CPPD
Director of Purchasing
City of Tampa, FL
306 E. Jackson Street
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INVITATION TO BID
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then and thereafter to be publicly opened and read. Bid documents are available at the Purchasing Department (Phone: 813/274-8531).

It is hereby made a part of this Invitation for Bid that the submission of any Bid in response to this advertised request shall constitute a Bid made under the same conditions that the same effective period and all the special effects of this Bid to all public entities in Hillsborough County.

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FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 06-059318
HOMESTEAD CORPORATION, III
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Plaintiff

DAVID LUTON; LINDA LUTON;
and all unknown parties claiming by, through, use and against the above named Defendants who are unknown to be dead or alive whose said unknown persons, heirs, devisees, grantees, or other claimants;

All real estate, personal property, tenant (known and unknown), and tenant in possession of the subject real property,

Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an order of sale of real estate has been made in the above entitled cause and that the sale will be held on the premises described below upon which such appeal is to be based.

The West ¼ of North ¼ of Lot 2, Block 12, Revised Map Of Town Of Wimauma, Accepted To The Map Or Plat Thereof Above Recorded In Plat Book 1, Page 136, Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, on the 2nd Floor, Rooms 201/202, in the Clerk's Office, Courthouse, 800 E. Wiggins Street, Tampa, FL 33602, at 2:00 PM, on March 6, 2007. The highest bidder shall immediately post with the Clerk, a deposit equal to five percent (5%) of the final bid. The deposit must be cash or cashier's check payable to the Clerk of the Court. Final payment must be made on or before 5:00 P.M. on the date of the sale by cash or cashier's check.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE Lien PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this hearing should contact A.D.A Coordinator not later than 1 (one) day prior to the proceeding at (813) 272-7040 or VIA Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770.

Dated this 8th Day of February, 2007.

PAT FRANK CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Hillsborough County, Florida

By: N/KIM P. DIETZ
DEPUTY CLERK
Sealed Bids for TURKEY CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL HVAC & PAINTING UPGRADES, BUILDINGS #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #12 will be received by the School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida in the Office of the Supervisor of Purchasing, Third Floor, School Administrative Center, 901 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida until 3:00 P.M., Thursday, March 1, 2007. (The mailing address is P. O. Box 3408, Tampa, Florida 33601.) Bids will not be accepted after 3:00 PM of the above date. Bids will be opened and read aloud in the Purchasing Department, located on the third floor of the School Administrative Center.

Contractors desiring to bid this project are subject to an Encouragement Affirmative Action Plan as identified within the bidding documents.

There will be a Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the school site located at 5005 South Turkey Creek Road, Plant City, Florida 33587.

IT IS THE BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT BIDS ARE DELIVERED TO THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT AS REFERENCED ABOVE. BID SECURITY MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH BID. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.

Notice To All Bidders: The School Administrative Center is a "security" building, therefore, visitors will be required to obtain a Visitors Pass prior to entering the building. A photo identification will need to be presented at the time.

Each Bid must be accompanied by the following:

1. A certified check or bid bond in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the maximum amount of the Bid as a guarantee that the Bidder, if awarded the Contract, will within ten (10) calendar days after written notice of being given such award, enter into a written contract with the School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida, in accordance with the accepted Bid, and give a surety bond as a guarantee that the Bidder, if awarded the Contract, will perform the work specified in the Bid.

2. Contractor Qualification Statement.


No Bidder may withdraw his Bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening of the Bids.

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Bidders may obtain a set of the Contract Documents from the Walter Fedy Group, Inc., 101 West Main Street, Suite 221 Lakeland, FL 33815 ATTN: Clay Cope, P.E., (863) 682-8498

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All firms interested in becoming qualified to participate in this RFQ shall obtain a copy of the RFQ Instructions and Submittal Documents and submit a completed response to the Tampa Port Authority, 1101 Channelside Drive, 4th Floor, Tampa, Florida 33602. Submittals are due by 2:00 p.m. March 15, 2007.

RFQ Submittals shall include a Letter of Interest and completion of the RFQ Documents, including a Vendor Qualification Questionnaire. Firms failing to submit the required RFQ Documents may be deemed non-responsive to the RFQ. The RFQ is available from the TPA’s web site (www.tampaport.com) and the DemandStar System. All firms interested in submitting their qualifications and experience to be considered for this Project must register with the TPA in order to receive any changes or addenda to the RFQ. Firms that obtain copies through the DemandStar System will be automatically registered.

Upon review of the RFQ responses, the TPA will shortlist three (3) or more firms deemed most qualified to meet the project requirements for oral presentations and final ranking by the Port’s evaluation committee. The TPA will review and evaluate the firms based on the evaluation criteria contained within the RFQ Documents, which includes team qualifications, experience; capabilities; adequacy of personnel; past performance and record; ability of professional personnel; willingness to meet time and budget requirements; recent, current and projected workloads of the firms; volume of work previously awarded the firms by the Tampa Port Authority and local presence.

The Tampa Port Authority encourages the use of registered Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firms to the greatest extent possible on its Projects. The TPA has a goal of 9% SBE participation. Firms must consider this when submitting on this project, as this will be considered by the TPA when receiving and evaluating the submittals. Firms shall submit a completed form SBE-1, which will provide the details of the Firms SBE Outreach Plan Action, and if less than the goal, submit Form SBE-1C, which will substantiate the good faith efforts made to include SBE’s to the greatest extent possible. Firms failing to submit a complete Form SBE-1 or document its efforts to meet or exceed the target goal may be cause for determining the Firm non-responsive or non-responsive to the RFQ.

Questions concerning this RFQ should be directed Donna Casey of the Tampa Port Authority’s Procurement Office, at (813) 905-5168, or e-mail at dcasey@tampaport.com, or faxed to (813) 905-5178.

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

Horus Construction Services is soliciting subcontractor bids for Ruskin Elementary School Renovation Project at 101 E. College Ave. in Ruskin. There will be a on site walk through 2-19-07 at 2:00 PM.

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The case was considered the first federal trial of police officers for using excessive force at a campus protest. All nine defendants were acquitted.

However, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) representative Cleveland Sellers, was convicted of allegedly inciting a riot. Sellers later became the director of the African American Studies program at the University of South Carolina.

The Montgomery Improvement Association filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court challenging the constitutionality of bus segregation. The lawsuit was filed February 1, 1956.

Writer Langston Hughes was born on February 1, 1902.
HONOR ROLL 2006 - 2007

Broward Elem. School

RE JEANAE K. YOUNG
HONOR: Citizenship.
PARENTS: O'Shaun J. Young, Sr., and Kellee Cotten.
GRANDPARENTS: Rena M. Young, Phyllis Judge, and Rosetta Judge.
HOBBIES: Cheerleader, Singing, Reading, and Writing.
CHURCH: River Hills Church Of God.

Burney Elem. School

ALI-CEAH SPENCER
HONOR: Principal's Honor Roll.
PARENT: Mack Walker.
GRANDPARENTS: Marvin Perry and Amos Walker.
HOBBIES: Reading, Skating, and Basketball.
CHURCH: Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

Clair Mel Elem. School

JADA Z. SCOTT
HONOR: Citizenship.
PARENTS: Zipporah Holmes and Shelton Scott.
GRANDPARENTS: Penny Griffith, Viola Griffith, and James Holmes.
HOBBIES: Cooking, Roller Skating and Bike Riding.
CHURCH: Firehouse Christian Center.

Curlew Creek Elem. School

JAMESHA Q. COBB
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: James and Toynetta Cobb.
GRANDPARENTS: Johnnie Crawford Jr., Ella Crawford and Bertha Cobb.
GREAT-GRANDMOTHER: Bertha Crawford.
HOBBIES: Roller Skating, Bike Riding, Reading, Singing, Writing, Shopping & More.
CHURCH: Apostolic Church Of Jesus, Largo.

Dowdell Middle Magnet School

Lake Wales High School

TIERRA CARPENTER
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Tim and Trendella Carpenter.
GRANDPARENTS: Willie and Winfred Montgomery, Rev. W. T. Carpenter, the late Debra Kelly, and Emma Carpenter.
CHURCH: New Life Tabernacle.

Burnett Middle School

MAKAYLA Z. NEWBY
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Natalie and Jason Martinez.
GRANDPARENTS: Dennis and Betty Newby.
HOBBIES: Reading, and Swimming.
CHURCH: College Hill Church Of God In Christ.

Chamberlain High School

TEQUELLA N. BUTLER
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Sholanda Lock and George Butler, III.
GRANDPARENTS: The late Wilbert and Virginia Lock, the late George Butler, Jr., and Betty Joe Wilson.
HOBBIES: Reading, Shopping, Modeling, and Going to Bible Study.
CHURCH: New Life Tabernacle U. P. Church.

DeSoto Elem. School

JY'LEN D. SCOTT
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Zipporah Holmes and Shelton Scott.
GRANDPARENTS: Penny Griffith, Viola Griffith, and James Holmes.
HOBBIES: Football, Roller Skating and Bike Riding.
CHURCH: Firehouse Christian Center.

East Bay High School

JASMIN GARDNER
HONORS: Honor Roll.
PARENT: Shalonda Gardner.
GRANDPARENT: Carol McDuffie.
CHURCH: Southside Church Of Christ.

ROBERT ADAM JAMES
HONORS: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Ronald and Sadania James, Sr.
HOBBIES: Reading, Sports, and Music.
CHURCH: New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

MICA C. STRONG
HONOR: Honor Roll, Citizenship, and Perfect Attendance.
PARENTS: Michael L. Strong, Deborah D. Johnson, and James A. Bowers, Jr., Step dad.
GRANDPARENTS: George and Matthew Ballard, and Fred and Diane Young.
HOBBIES: Dance Ministry, Computers, Reading, Listening to IPA, and Television Viewing.
CHURCH: Eastside Church Of Christ.

TASHARA WILLIAMS
HONOR: Principal's Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Stacie Dexter and Herbert Williams.
GRANDPARENTS: Mary Moore and Constance Johnson.
HOBBIES: Reading and Shopping.
CHURCH: New Millennium Baptist Church.

ALPHANEICE WHITE
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Fonda Pope and Shannon Edwards, Stepfather.
GRANDPARENT: Diane Jones.
HOBBIES: Riding Bike and Baking.
CHURCH: Allen Temple AME Church.

LEXUS MCDUFFIE
HONORS: Honor Roll.
PARENT: Carol McDuffie.
GRANDPARENTS: Juanita James and Claude McDuffie, Sr.
CHURCH: Southside Church Of Christ.

Edmund Berger is credited with inventing an early version of the spark plug on February 2, 1839. However, he never obtained a patent for the invention.
Edison Elem. School

IRA JAMES GILBERT
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Mr. Gerry Gilbert and Tina Harris.
GRANDPARENT: Mrs. Jessie L. Gilbert.
HOBBIES: Reading and Video Games.

Graham Elem. School

O’SHAUN J. YOUNG, JR.
HONOR: Citizenship.
PARENTS: O’Shaun J. Young, Sr., and Kalie Cotton.
GRANDPARENTS: Renia M. Young, Phyllis Judge, and Rosetta Judge.
HOBBIES: Basketball and Football.
CHURCH: River Hills Church Of God.

Florida College Academy

MARKAYLA MITCHELL
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Dorothy Carter and Mark Mitchell.
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Lofton and Mary Shurks.
HOBBIES: Dancing and Singing.

Florida College Academy

PARIS OSAZE
HONORS: Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Martin, Sr., and Dora Osaze.
GRANDPARENTS: Thomas and Barbara Dixon, and Peter and the late Janet Osaze.
HOBBIES: Reading, Shopping, and Using the Computer.

Clemmie Ross James Elem. School

JOHNIQUA ANDRECIA JACKSON
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Alva’ Lewis and Andre Jackson.
GRANDPARENT: Alvin C. Lynch.
GREAT GRANDPARENTS: John and Alice Singleton.
HOBBIES: Swimming, Creative Writing, Music, and Art; FCA Soaring Eagle Award.
CHURCH: First Baptist Church Of Progress Village.

Ferrell Middle Magnet School

ZAKIYA JUDGE
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Phyllis and Russell Judge.
GRANDPARENT: Rena M. Young.
HOBBIES: Cheerleading, Reading, and Dancing.
CHURCH: River Hills Church Of God.

Frost Elem. School

JAYLA D. LEWIS
HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance.
PARENTS: Tracy Landers and Marvin Lewis.
GRANDPARENTS: Marvin and Pat Lewis, Alma Jordan, and Geraldine Lewis.
HOBBIES: Cheerleading, Singing, and Dance.
CHURCH: Without Walls International Church.

Graham Elem. School

ISIAH D. BROWN
HONOR: Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Ricardo and Shenequa Brown, Sr.
HOBBIES: Football.
CHURCH: New Bethel Temple Of Deliverance.

Florida College Academy

JAMIA K. BLAKELY
HONOR: Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Ricardo and Shenequa Brown, Sr.
HOBBIES: Cheerleading and Stepping.
CHURCH: New Bethel Temple Of Deliverance.

Florida College Academy

RICARDO D. BROWN, JR.
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PARENTS: Ricardo and Shenequa Brown, Sr.
HOBBIES: Football.
CHURCH: New Bethel Temple Of Deliverance.

Florida College Academy

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HONOR: Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Shakita Williams and Antwonn Daniels.
GRANDPARENTS: Shirley Williams and Shirley Daniels.
HOBBIES: Riding 4-Wheeler and Stepping.
CHURCH: Mount Olive AME Church.

Florida College Academy

KIERA GRANT
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENT: April Grant.
GRANDPARENTS: Paul and Mildred Grant.
HOBBIES: Shopping and Talking on the Telephone.
CHURCH: Life In Christ C. Church.

Florida College Academy

JALECIA BILLINGSLEY
HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll and National Honor Society.
PARENTS: John Billingsley and Thaddetta Pondo Sylvester.
GRANDPARENTS: Arthur and Pinkey Billingsley and Lillie McCall.
HOBBIES: Track, Volleyball, and Softball.
CHURCH: Mt. Pleasant M. B. Church.

Florida College Academy

JALECIA BILLINGSLEY
HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Raymond Bent and Faye Wingo.
GODPARENTS: Stephanie Grant and Fletcher Anderson.
HOBBIES: Drum Majoring, Choir Directing, and Helping Others.
CHURCH: St. John Progressive M. B. Church.

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HOBBIES: Football.
CHURCH: New Bethel Temple Of Deliverance.

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PARENTS: Shrita Williams and Antwonn Daniels.
GRANDPARENTS: Shirley Williams and Shirley Daniels.
HOBBIES: Riding 4-Wheeler and Stepping.
CHURCH: Mount Olive AME Church.

Jefferson High School

KALEESHA BENT
HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Raymond Bent and Faye Wingo.
GODPARENTS: Stephanie Grant and Fletcher Anderson.
HOBBIES: Drum Majoring, Choir Directing, and Helping Others.
CHURCH: St. John Progressive M. B. Church.

KALEESHA BENT
HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Raymond Bent and Faye Wingo.
GODPARENTS: Stephanie Grant and Fletcher Anderson.
HOBBIES: Drum Majoring, Choir Directing, and Helping Others.
CHURCH: St. John Progressive M. B. Church.
HONOR ROLL 2006 – 2007

Jefferson High School

SIERRA PEARSON
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Rogier and Rose Pearson.
GRANDPARENTS: Leroy and Yolanda Hayes; Precy and Shelia Harden; and Rogier and Beaure Pearson.
HOBBIES: Shopping and Talking on the Phone.
CHURCH: Greater Mt. Carmel AME Church.

Kenly Elem. School

ALEXIS WHEATLEY
HONORS: Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Miranda and Anthony Wheatley.
GRANDPARENTS: Margaret Butler (Tampa), Jackie Bowman, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McCaskill.
HOBBIES: Cheerleader, Dance (Ballet and Jazz).
CHURCH: New First Union Missionary Baptist Church.

King’s Kids Christian Academy

MOSI ALLEN
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Cindy Allen and G. S.
GRANDPARENTS: Grandma Frances and Grandpa Ron.
HOBBIES: Dancing, Cheerleading, and Singing.
CHURCH: New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

Lockhart Elem. School

JASMINE GUED
HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Carzette Mosley.
GRANDPARENTS: The late Sarah M. Barbers and the Gueds.
HOBBIES: Reading and Cheerleading.
CHURCH: Macedonia M. B. Church.

Just Elem. School

SHERRIKA WILLIAMS
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Cheryl Williams and James Walton.
HOBBIES: Shopping, Singing and Dancing.

Anthony W. Stephens

ANNHOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Priscilla Dowdell and William Stephens, Sr.
GRANDPARENTS: Maude Stephens and Magnolia Dowdell.
GREAT GRANDMA: Alberta Dowdell.
HOBBIES: Video Games and Basketball.

Madison Middle School

DARIA L. SMITH
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Darrell and Ronnette Smith.
HOBBIES: Bowling, Reading, and Playing Soccer.
CHURCH: Without Walls International Church.

Liberty Middle School

DURAN S. BELL, JR.
HONORS: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Josette and Duran S. Bell, Sr.
GRANDPARENTS: Mary and Anthony Bell, and Joseph Jones.
HOBBIES: Football, Baseball, and Girl Scouts.
CHURCH: Temple Crest Church Of Christ.

WILLIAM A. STEPHENS
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Priscilla Dowdell and William Stephens, Sr.
GRANDPARENTS: Maude Stephens and Magnolia Dowdell.
GREAT GRANDMA: Alberta Dowdell.
HOBBIES: Video Games and Basketball.

HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Kevin & SFC Winfred Lewis.
GRANDPARENTS: Delores Lewis (Paternal), and James and Constance Wigfall (Maternal).
HOBBIES: Singing and Dancing.
CHURCH: Sprinah International Church.

Four students from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College sat down at a Woolworth lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina. This led to the spread of sit-ins throughout the South. This historic event took place February 1, 1960.
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The 15th Amendment, which gave the right to vote, was ratified on February 3, 1870. However, nearly a century would pass before Blacks could vote without fear of retribution.

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Jazz musician Sonny Sitt was born on February 2, 1924.
George Washington Carver devoted his life to research projects connected primarily with southern agriculture. The products he derived from the peanut and the soybean revolutionized the economy of the South by liberating it from an excessive dependence on cotton.

While working as a farm hand, Carver managed to obtain a high school education. He was admitted as the first black student of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa. He then attended Iowa Agricultural College (now Iowa State University) where, while working as the school janitor, he received a degree in agricultural science in 1894. Two years later he received a master’s degree from the same school and became the first African American to serve on its faculty. Within a short time his fame spread, and Booker T. Washington offered him a post at Tuskegee.

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HOBBIES: Reading; Wants To Be A Cheerleader.

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HONOR: Honor Roll and Extra Effort Award.
PARENTS: Gloria Forman and Anthony Sheard.
HOBBIES: Singing.

ANTHONYAH SHEARD
HONOR: Principal's Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Gloria Forman and Anthony Sheard.
HOBBIES: Helping Others; Plans To Become A Nurse.

ROSHONNA C. BORDERS
HONOR: Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Tomexa Leggett and Kenny Bell, Sr. (Deceased).
GRANDPARENTS: Cynthia P. Williams-Alexander, Willie Marvin Leggett, and Mary and Troy Bell (Deceased).
HOBBIES: Riding Bicycle, Listening to CD Player, and Reading.

ROZASHA M. BORDERS
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Arie Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Leola Lewis.
GRANDPARENTS: Arie Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Leola Lewis.
HOBBIES: Doing Hair, Dancing, and Reading.
CHURCH: New Life Baptist Church.

RASHAWNDA SMITH
HONOR: High Honor Roll 1st & 2nd.
PARENTS: Christie and Rashawn.
GRANDPARENTS: Calvin and Teresa.
HOBBIES: Playing On Computer.
CHURCH: Faith Institutional.

JONATHAN MITCHELL
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Evette Carter and Jonathan Mitchell, Sr.
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Lofton, and Mary Strucks.
HOBBIES: Soccer, Flag Football, and Track.
CHURCH: 20th Street Church Of God.

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SHANIQUA WILLIAMS
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Octavia Jones and Steve Williams.
GRANDPARENTS: Pamela Jones and Harold Williams.
HOBBIES: Reading and Playing With Baby Dolls.

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HONOR: High Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Tomeka Leggett and Kenny Bell, Sr. (Deceased).
GRANDPARENTS: Cynthia P. Williams-Alexander, Willie Marvin Leggett, and Mary and Troy Bell (Deceased).
HOBBIES: Riding Bicycle, Listening to CD Player, and Reading.

ROBLES ELEM. SCHOOL

TYRE'ONA WILLIAMS
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: James and Meshika Pickens.
GODMOTHER: Brenda Bennett.
HOBBIES: Cheerleading and Phone.
CHURCH: Greater Friendship Baptist Church.

RUEL GRIFFIN

SAMUEL AUSTIN, III
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: C. A. P. and (Teresa, Deceased).
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Sam (Bertha) Austin.
HOBBIES: Football, Baseball, and Basketball.
CHURCH: Oak Hill M. B. Church.

RODOLFO VALDEZ

ROZASHA M. BORDERS
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Faye Fulks and Edward Gallon.
GRANDPARENTS: Arie Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Leola Lewis.
HOBBIES: Going to Church and Talking on the Phone.
CHURCH: First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens.

Ruediger Elem. School

TYEISHA L. GALLON
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: James and Drinkonah Smith.
GRANDPARENTS: Robert and Cheryl Williams.
HOBBIES: Singing, Dancing, and Playing.
CHURCH: Bethel M. B. Church, Tallahassee, FL.

St. Peter Claver Catholic School

JOELLE WILLIAMS
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Joel and Shonda Williams.
GRANDPARENTS: Robert and Cheryl Williams, and Rhonda and Darrell Steele.
GREAT GRANDPARENTS: Flit Golphen (late), Florence Robinson, and Juanita Hollis.
HOBBIES: Singing, Reading, and Playing.
CHURCH: Bethel M. B. Church, Tallahassee, FL.

AHMAD GRUBBS
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald (Dee) McCray.
GRANDPARENTS: Kathy Pringle-Marshall and Alvin Miller.
HOBBIES: Playing His PlayStation.
CHURCH: Northside Church Of Christ.

CHANEL HARRIS
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Moneye' Cobb.
GRANDPARENTS: Yvonne and Horace Keenan.
HOBBIES: Doing Hair, Dancing, and Reading.
CHURCH: First Baptist Church.
In 1967, Carl Stokes was elected as the first Black mayor of Cleveland, Ohio. He served until 1971.

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CHURCH: Triumph Church.

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South Miami High - Honor Roll
Parent: Vernetta Marshall
HOBBIES: Reading, Writing, Thinking

RICKY HOGAN
South Miami High - Honor Roll
Parent: Dr. Ronald & Dr. Tanya Hogan
HOBBIES: Football, Soccer, Basketball

STACEY HALL
South Miami High - Honor Roll
Parent: Dr. Robert & Denise Hall
HOBBIES: Basketball, Soccer, Football

RAEVEN HOLTSON
Dunbar Magnet - Honor Roll
Parents: Dimitri Sr. & Octavia
GRANDPARENTS: Roosevelt & Jacquelyn Tensley-Jones
HOBBIES: Reading, Working Puzzles, Drama, Stepping And Computer

DEION A. ANDERSON
HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll.
PARENT: Crystal & Isaac Anderson.
GRANDPARENT: Pearl Marson and Alva Marson.
HOBBIES: Football, Karate, Basketball, and Video Games.
CHURCH: WWJC.

DARREN POWELL
HONORS: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Darryl and Angela Powell.
GRANDPARENT: Dorothy Powell.
HOBBIES: Dancing and Computers.
CHURCH: First Baptist Church Of Progress Village.

Van Buren Middle School

MIKESHIA FAGAN
HONORS: Principal’s Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Shelia Fagan and Michael Gatewood.
GRANDPARENTS: The late European Fells, the late Silas Fagan, Mrs. Rochelle Jones, and William Gatewood.
HOBBIES: Watching TV and Computers.
CHURCH: University Community Outreach Church.
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Van Buren Middle School

KANEASHA JONES
HONORS: High Honor Roll.
PARENT: Felicia Jones.
GRANDPARENTS: Betty and Obie Whitehead and Florence and Cleonos Bradshaw.
HOBBIES: Basketball and Cheerleading.

JAMESHIA WALTON
HONORS: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Te-Te and James Walton, Jr.
GRANDPARENTS: Charly Williams and James Walton, Sr.
HOBBIES: Dancing, Singing, and Playing.

Belle Witter Elem. School

DAVREONA WALTOWER
HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll.
PARENT: Carla Waltower.
GRANDPARENTS: Carleen Wand and Louise Cross.
HOBBIES: Reading, Writing, and Dance.

Van Buren Middle School

MIRACLE RADCLIFF
HONOR: Distinguished Honor Roll.
PARENT: Mrs. Archer Radcliff.
HOBBIES: Reading and Math.

KIRA ALEXIS CROOM
HONORS: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Robyn Southers and K. Douglas.
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniels.
HOBBIES: Reading and Writing.
CHURCH: St. John Cathedral.

Wagner Elem. School (Lakeland, FL)

TRAYON J. SIMMONS
HONORS: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Philadelphia Bowler and Chadrick Simmons.
GRANDPARENTS: Florence Pugh and Marion Scaggs.
HOBBIES: Basketball, Football, and Playing the X-Box.
CHURCH: Glory To Glory Ministries.

SANTIRA J. BORDERS
HONORS: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Rashard and Shakira Grier, and Jermaine Borders.
GRANDPARENT: Vern Peterson.
HOBBIES: Singing, Dancing, and Cheerleading.
CHURCH: Zion Hill P. B. Church.

B.T. Washington Elem. School

CEDRICA JACKSON
HONORS: High Honor Roll, Achievement, and Perfect Attendance.
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Dr. Woodson and Jesse E. Moorland co-founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History in 1915. In January 1916, Dr. Woodson began publishing the "Journal of Negro History." In 1926, Dr. Woodson established the recognition of Black History with the "Negro History Week." He selected the second week in February.